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HOW 'BOUT THIS AREA...
...AROUND THE TREE-LINED LANE AND THE BRIDGE?
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AH!
HEY, HEY! HIBARI-CHAN! BOTAN-CHAN!
THE SCENERY IS LOVELY. I THINK IT'S PERFECT. ♡
...YOU HAD TO PICK A SPOT NEAR THE RIVER ...
I'M FINE WITH IT.
BUT HANAKO, NO MATTER WHAT, JUST DON'T GO NEAR THE RI—
AH!
ZAPUN (SPLOOSH)
HH—!!

—RIGHT AS I'M SAYING IT TOO!!
THE GROUND SUDDENLY GAVE WAY...
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA (FSEW)
SFX: KYA (SQUEE) KYA
...HAVE ANY CHANCE OF ENDING WITHOUT A DISASTER...?
DOES TODAY'S OUTDOOR SKETCHING CONTEST ...
LET'S MOVE A LITTLE AWAY FROM THE WATER...
...AND DRAW FROM THE TOP OF THE BANK, SHALL WE?
ROGER THAT!
GOOD IDEA. ♪
.....
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HANAKO-SAN?
I'M A-OKAY!
LUCKY MY DRAWING PAPER DIDN'T GET WET~!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU!
SORRY, YOU TWO.
ZA
ZA

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GOOD MORNING, BOYS AND GIRLS.
THE WEATHER'S GOTTEN QUITE COOL LATELY.
IT'S A PERFECT AUTUMN DAY, ISN'T IT? ♡
SPEAKING OF WHICH... HAGYUU-SAN.
WHAT DOES "AUTUMN" MEAN TO YOU?
—HEH!
A FOOLISH QUESTION. HIBIKI IS KNOWN FOR HER STRENGTH!! AND HER HIGH INTELLECT!!
BUT HER #1 MOST SHINING GIFT IS—
BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR ANSWERS RELEVANT TO THE QUESTION.
ALSO, DON'T STAND UP IN CLASS WITHOUT PERMISSION.
KATAN (K-TUNK)
THAT'S RIGHT— "AUTUMN IS FOR ART."
KIPPARI (BLUNT)
GATA (CLATTER)
YES, MA'AM..

TODAY'S THE OUTDOOR SKETCHING CONTEST WE ANNOUNCED THE OTHER DAY!
I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT RELEASING YOU UNLUCKY BOYS AND GIRLS INTO THE WILD...
.....
I'M THE ONE WHO'S CONCERNED...
HAVE FUN OUT THERE!
BUT I'LL BE ON PATROL SO YOU CAN RELAX.
YOU'RE ALREADY IN YOUR GYM CLOTHES, AND WE HAV-EN'T EVEN STARTED...
TEH HEH HEH!
CHANGED CLOTHES.
FU-FU-FU...
DON'T COUNT ME OUT OF THE COMPETITION YET, HIBARI-CHAN.
EH?
NOW THAT I'M IN MY GYM CLOTHES, I CAN CHOOSE ANY KIND OF SCENE OR COMPOSITION I WANT...!!
SEE? SEE?
I COULD EVEN DRAW LIKE THIS!
FURU (TREMBLE)
FURU
.....

HIBARI-SAN, WOULD YOU HAVE MAYBE...
...PREFERRED ANOTHER LOCATION?
?
WHY DO YOU ASK?
OH, WELL... AS WE'RE OUTSIDE FOR A CHANGE...
...I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO TO SEE "HIM"...
!?
UM...
GATATATATA (RATATA)
GAGAGA (KRRK)
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
KATSU (CLACK)
WH—! WH-WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING...!!?
COULDN'T YOU DRAW "HIM" IN WITH THE SCENERY...?
DR-DRAW HIM ...!!?

I CAN'T !!
KAAA (BLUSH)
ZAWA (MUMURO)
KARI (SKETCH)
KARI
KARI
GU (SWISH)
ZAWA
ZAWA
?
THAT'S TOO EMBARRASSING!!
THERE'S NO WAY- AND FOR MULTIPLE REASONS !!!
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT THAT SERIOUSLY.
I CAN'T APOLOGIZE ENOUGH...
I SWEAR I'LL SPEND MY ENTIRE LIFE MAKING IT UP TO YOU...
IS THAT SO...? I SAID SOMETHING UNCALLED FOR, DIDN'T I?
OKAY!
WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON THE COMPOSITION TOO. THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.
NEVER MIND THAT! LET'S HURRY UP AND START SKETCHING.

.....
HMMnn...
I DO LIKE THINKING UP DECORATIVE TOUCHES FOR MY LUNCHES AND SUCH, THOUGH...
I FELT THIS WHEN WE DID THOSE CARVINGS AT CAMP TOO...
I REALLY HAVE NO SPECIAL TALENT FOR ART, DO I?
さわ..
SAWA (RUSTLE)
さわ..
SAWA
SAKU (CRUNCH)
WELL?
HOW FAR HAVE YOU TWO GOTTEN?
FU! FU! FU...
N-NO...!
I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF!
DOKI (THUMP)
HWUH?
IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH?
KURU (WHIRL)
LET'S DO IT, BOTAN-CHAN!
OKAY. ♪
...?
HARU

PITA (PLUNK)
AND THAT'S NOT ALL!
IF YOU MOVE THEM LIKE THIS, IT'S LIKE A DRAW-BRIDGE...!!
WOW!
DRAW SERIOUSLY.
OKAY...
.....
IT'S A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ME AN' BOTAN-CHAN. WE TRIED EMPHASIZING HOW BIG THE BRIDGE IS!!
LOOKIE, LOOKIE!
POYUN (SNUG)
U FU FU.
BAAAN (TA-DAA)...
I CAN'T SEE THIS BEING RELATED TO HAPPINESS TRAINING...
MAYBE WE ONLY NEED TO DRAW HOWEVER WE LIKE?
IT IS. SENSEI DIDN'T GIVE US ANY TIPS THIS TIME EITHER.
...BUT DRAWING THINGS ONESELF IS RATHER DIFFICULT.
MY GOODNESS... I LOOK AT ART FREQUENTLY ...

I wouldn't say...
...it's not related.
!
TH—
THAT VOICE ...!
PA (WHITE)
TIMOTHY!!
Hello, hello! Long time no see. ☆
CHON (POSE)
HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
TIMOTHY ~! ♡
I'm always in tip-top shape!
I mean it!
WHAT DID YOU MEAN...
...IT ISN'T UNRELATED?
Kodaira-sensei was sayin' ...
..."I can hardly wait to see what those dears draw."

...it seemed like she was more interested in "the picture's theme."
If y'ask me...
SOOO (SNEAK)
SHU (SHWOOP)
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...
Usually, the craftsmanship is what matters most in sketching contests...
...so she'd say, "how well they draw," right?
...
BUT NOW YOU'RE TELLING US SOMETHING SHE DELIBERATELY DIDN'T MENTION...
I THOUGHT YOU...WERE A ROBOT FOR HELPING SENSEI AND THE SCHOOL.
I KNEW IT.
...FOR YOU TO TELL US THIS?
IS IT OKAY ...
Eh?

THIS WHOLE TIME, SHE'S BEEN CONTROLLING TIMOTHY...
...AND SPEAKING THROUGH A DEVICE, HASN'T SHE...?
Eh...
...why shouldn't I?
Timothy's just a bunny!
Just a bunny rabbit who's only good for being cute!
I don't understand hard stuff. ♫
SHU
SHU (SHOOP)
.....

...CAN I DRAW YOU, TIMOTHY?
THEN...
...AND NOT THE REST OF THE TIME?
...I CAN'T SEE SAYAMA-SAN SAYING THAT...
MAYBE SHE ONLY USED TIMOTHY DURING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL...
AH!!
Peo... ple?
PEOPLE...
YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO DRAW PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE..
I-IT'S AN OUTDOOR SKETCHING CONTEST!!
RIGHT!? I CAN, RIGHT!?
WHY NOT...?
.....
.....
Can't blame you for wanting to.
Go ahead, draw my beautiful body. ☆

STOOOP!!
DOKI (GOUT)
PLEASE ...!
DODODO (RUMBLE)
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH... WILL YOU...
...STOP ALREADY !?
THAT'S...
WHATCHA RUNNIN' FOR~?
!!
Y-YOU GIRLS ...
DO
...HAGYUU-SAN AND EKODA-SAN!
PERFECT. YOU HELP TOO!
HELP?
LOOK AT THAT!!

IS THAT SKETCH PAPER?
THERE'S SOMETHING BIG AND WHITE FLOATING BY...
BA (WHOOSH)
YES! AND NOT JUST ANY SKETCH PAPER. IT HAS HIBIKI'S MASTER-PIECE ON IT!!
HFF!
HFF!
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA (FSSH)
THIS COULD BE A GREAT LOSS NOT ONLY TO TENNOMIFUNE ACADEMY BUT TO THE NATION AT LARGE!
RIGHT!?
WE MUST RETRIEVE IT QUICKLY...
WHY, THAT'S AWFUL!
ALL RIGHT!
UZA (SKFF)
...THEY COULD END UP DEEPLY TRAU-MATIZED, SO...
IF ANY LITTLE KIDS ACCIDEN-TALLY SEE HIBIKI'S DRAWING...
You never run.
You ran here too, Ekoda-san?

LET ME HANDLE THIS, HIBIKI-CHAN!!
I'LL GO IN THE RIVER AND GET IT!
GU (CLENCH)
WHAT!?
Y-YOU CAN'T, HANAKO!
IF YOU GO—
IT'S OKAY~! I'M ALREADY IN MY GYM CLOTHES. ♫
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...!
Hey...
...ladies!
YOU ...!
BAAN (TA-DAA)
YOU JUMPED UP SEVERAL VERSIONS SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, HMM?
Are you forgetting about Rab-bot "Timothy Mk-II"?
Away!!
Grabbing one piece of paper is a piece of cake for me~! ♫
BYU (WHOOSH)

TIMOTHY!?
CHIIIN (DING)
PUKARI (FLOAT)
—SO...
...YOU DID ALL THAT MAINTE-NANCE ON HIM...
...BUT YOU STILL HADN'T DONE ANY WATER-PROOFING?
IT... IT COM-PLETELY SLIPPED MY MIND...
I-I-I'M SORRY...
BURU (SHIVER)
BURU
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

OH DEAR.
WELL, YOU STILL HAVE HALF THE DAY.
EH...?
I-I HAVEN'T ...
I MEAN... I—
SU! (SWISH)
HERE YOU ARE!
HUH?
ANYWAY... ARE YOU ALREADY DONE?
WITH YOUR PICTURE FOR THE SKETCH CONTEST!
I'M HAVING YOU TURN ONE IN TOO, OF COURSE.
AND DON'T WORRY. YOU MAY DO SO IN SECRET. ♪
...AND DRAW WHATEVER YOU LIKE, PLEASE.
GO OUT INTO TOWN IN PERSON ...
KOSO (SNEAK)
WAI
WAI (CLAMOR)
HIBIKI WILL INSTRUCT YOU IN THE WAYS OF ART!
SH-SHE HEARD THAT...!?
BIKU (JOLT)
U FU FU
"IT ISN'T UNRELATED TO HAPPINESS TRAINING"... AFTER ALL. ♡

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COME ON, REN!
PICK UP THE PACE! WE'RE ALMOST LATE AGAIN!!
CHUN
CHUN (CHIRP)
WE'RE FINE.
TEKU (TEP)
KOOAH
TEKU
BESIDES, YOU COULDN'T MOVE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE YOU ATE TOO MUCH...
...AND GOT A TUMMY ACHE, REMEMBER?
HN?
PITA (STOP)
...AH.
ISN'T THAT ...?
!!
PATARI (COLLAPSED)

...M-MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES...
MUCH LIKE A PICKLING WEIGHT STONE, HAVING WEIGHT IS ALL I'M GOOD FOR. HERE I AM CAUSING YOU TROUBLE...
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
H-HAVING REN CARRY YOU...
...THAT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE IN A NORMAL SITUATION, YOU KNOW!!
TEKU
TEKU
TEKU (TE...)
ZA (SWOOSH)
SHE'S SICK. NOT SO LOUD.
HIBIKI.
BECHIN (SMACK)
BUN (WHIRL)
AND TO BEGIN WITH...
SU (SWISH)
KUMEGAWA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT IN YOUR UNIFORM.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO STRAIGHT TO SCHOOL?
YES, PLEASE ...
I'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM HOME BRING MY UNIFORM AND BAG LATER...
KIIN (RING)
KOON (BONG)
'KAY.
IS THIS REALLY THE TIME FOR A LEISURELY CHAT!?
THE BELL'S RINGING! HURRY UP!!
KAAN (KLANG)
KOON (KLONG)

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MORNING!
WAI
WAI (CHATTER)
—AND THAT...
...IS WHAT HAPPENED.
I ENDED UP GREATLY OBLIGED TO EKODA-SAN AND HAGYUU-SAN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
WAI
WAI
SO THAT'S WHY...
...YOU WEREN'T IN YOUR UNIFORM DURING HOMEROOM!
IT'S A GOOD THING THEY HAPPENED TO WALK BY...
WHY WERE YOU COLLAPSED THERE, ANYWAY?
THAT'S ...
ERM...
I'D ABANDONED THE IDEA SO MANY TIMES BEFORE...
...BUT, WELL...
...I STARTED WALKING... TO BUILD MY STAMINA.
KAA (EXHAUSTED)
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THE WEATHER HAS IMPROVED NOW THAT IT'S FALL...
...AND SOON, UM...
WH-WHY SO SUDDENLY?
DIDN'T SHE HURT HER ANKLE PUTTING ON HER SHOES THE LAST TIME?
GUKI (TWIST)
WALKING!? THAT'S GREAT!
WAAAAH!
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THAT...
MOJI (FIDGET)
IT'S...
AH!
HAGYUU-SAN... EKODA-SAN...
ZA (SHFF)
CLASS 7'S OWN THREE STOOGES!
ASSEMBLED AGAIN TODAY, ARE YOU?
"THAT"?

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR THIS MORNING!
YOU WERE A HUGE HELP.
YOU LOOK BETTER.
I AM.♡ THANKS TO YOU...
MRF...
YOU WERE UNBELIEVABLY PALE WHEN WE FOUND YOU THIS MORNING.
HIBIKI WANTED TO CHECK ON YOU TOO. SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEING IN PERIL...
REN! DON'T TELL HER!!
GUU (GURGLE)
KAA (BLUSH)
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
BOTAN... DID YOU NOT...?
Y... YES...
I'M AFRAID I MISSED BREAK-FAST...
I'LL BUY YOU SOMETHIN' TO EAT, BOTAN-CHAN!
BREAD? RICE BALLS? KEBABS?
WHATCHA WANT?
OH, NO, DON'T FUSS OVER ME...!

I'M THINKING OF LOSING A LITTLE WEIGHT...
OH, REALLY?
LOSING WEIGHT?
SO YOU'RE ON A DIET, ARE YOU?
...SO I'LL SUPPRESS MY HUNGER UNTIL LUNCH.
HEH! HOW ABSURD...!
DIETS ARE A FOOLISH IDEA FOR FEEBLE PLEBIANS!!
TO TRULY HONE YOUR BODY, FIRST, YOU RUN! AND THEN YOU RUN MORE!!
TO SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU, TRAIN SO HARD THAT YOU BLOW THROUGH YOUR CALORIE INTAKE UNTIL THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CALORIE LEFT—
DON (BANG)
SHUU (FIZZLE)
DON'T USE YOURSELF AS A STANDARD.
COOL IT.
HAGYUU-SAN'S SUGGESTION IS A LITTLE EXTREME, BUT THERE IS SOME TRUTH TO IT.
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
YOU CAN'T SKIP MEALS.

?
PON (PLOP)
SU (SWISH)
HERE...
EAT THESE, AT THE VERY LEAST.
COOKIES ...?
ARE THESE...?
THEY'RE SOYMILK COOKIES I MADE AS AN EXPERIMENT YESTERDAY.
THEY'RE LOW IN CALORIES BUT FILL YOU UP, SO THEY SHOULD BE PERFECT.
I BROUGHT THEM SO I COULD ASK YOU ALL HOW YOU THINK THEY TURNED OUT.
WHO KNEW THEY'D COME IN HANDY LIKE THIS?
KIRA (TWINKLE)
I'D BE HAPPY TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU, HANAKO-SAN. ♡
THERE'S ENOUGH FOR TWO OR THREE PEOPLE IN ONE BAG. HELP YOURSELF.
WOO-HOOO! ♫
PYON (BOUNCE)
PYON
SHE'S SO HAPPY SHE'S CRYING ...?
JI (STARE)

HAGYUU-SAN, EKODA-SAN...WOULD YOU LIKE A BAG TOO?
KAGA (GRINKLES)
WHA—!?
TH-THAT'S FOR US...!?
DOKII (SHOCK)
I LIKE COOK-IES.
THANKS, HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN.
REN!!
HIBIKI DOESN'T HATE COOKIES, BUT...!
H—
SAKU
SAKU
...DO YOU NOT LIKE COOKIES?
OR...
SAKU (CRUNCH)
THEY'RE YUMMY
—MM.
SAKU
GRR...

AH.
TRY ONE, HIBIKI.
LIKE SPECIALTY SHOP COOKIES.
THESE TASTE REALLY GOOD...
MOKU (MUNCH)
DÉLI-CIEUX.
MOKU
UGH...
!
ZA (CRIP)
OH YEAH. YOU HAD A TUMMY A—
PAKU (SNAP)
.....
...NH.
TH—
THEY'RE NOT BAD...
TH-THANKS, HAGYUU-SAN...
HI-BA-RI
NOT THAT THEY COULD COMPETE WITH HIBIKI'S SUBLIME AND SUPREME COOKIES!!
HEH.
HIBI-KI
HAGYUU-SAN, YOU BAKE TOO?
URK... W-WELL...

I CAN'D BIDE THROUGH ID...
KARI
KARI
FWUH?
KARI (KRRK)
?
GARI (KRRK)
!
COULD THAT NOISE BE...?
KYAAA !?
TH-THAT'S THE COOKIE CUTTER I JUST BOUGHT...
WHY WAS IT IN THE BAG!?
カリ
KARI
キーン
KIIN (RING)
コーン
KOON (BONG)
WAAAH!
SPIT IT OUT! SPIT IT OUT!!
I'M SO SORRY, HANAKO !
WAAAH!

HEY, HEY, HIBARI-CHAN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
"FUN WITH FRIENDS STRETCHING"...
FUN WITH FRIENDS!
ABCs OF STRETCHING
BY HOWEORI-SENSEI
I'M SO SORRY, GIRLS...
YOU'RE GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR ME...
DON'T BE SILLY. IT'S FINE.
JUMPING STRAIGHT TO INTENSE EXERCISES WOULD BE DIFFICULT.
THAT MIGHT BE THE PERFECT PLACE TO START.
THEN IT'S SETTLED!

...HIBIKI AND REN WILL PERSONALLY COACH YOU PEOPLE.
YOU'D BETTER NOT WASTE THIS TIME!
BUNNY-EX
...COACH THEM?
TODAY, AS A SPECIAL FAVOR...
HMPH. YOU FINALLY FOUND A BOOK?
KATSU (TAP)
HMM-HMM!
OF COURSE! ALL THREE OF THEM SAID...
...THEY'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY SPORTS, REMEMBER!?
THESE GIRLS WANT TO BE A WORKOUT GROUP? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
REN
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU BEING THAT INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD TEAM YOURSELF...
WELL, YOU HAVE STAMINA, BUT THAT'S ALL.
A KILLER AMOUNT OF IT
HIBIKI
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THAT'S ALL!?

I ASKED TIMOTHY, AND HE SAID THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES IS FREE.
CHARI (CLINK)
HE SAID WE CAN BRING EXERCISE MATS IN TOO.
OKAY!
I'LL TELL SENSEI FOR YA!
GREAT. THEN...
...HIBIKI, YOU MOVE THE MATS.
WH...!
H-HIBIKI HAS TO...?
ISN'T THE GYMNASIUM PRETTY FAR FROM THE HALL...?
YOU'VE GOT STAMINA, DON'T YOU?
UGH...
WHEE! I'LL HELP!
OH YEAH... I FORGOT... OR RATHER...
KATSU (TAP)
KATSU
...I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT, SO I WASN'T ...
... BUT IT'S COMING UP SOON, ISN'T IT?

WAKU
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT~!!
WAKU (GIDDY)
"TENNO-MIFUNE ACADEMY SPORTS DAY"...
ZURU (DRAG)
ZURU
KNOWING OUR SCHOOL, WHAT CRAZY THINGS WILL THEY MAKE US DO...?
ZURU
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HAGYUU-SAN...?
ZURU
D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...!
W-W-WITH HIBIKI AND REN'S STRENGTH COMBINED, THIS IS NOTHING...!!
MAT.
BUT.... EKODA-SAN HAS BEEN...
...ON TOP OF THE MAT...
DARN IT, REN!!
POSA (THUMP)
... WHEW.

OKAY. WE'RE STARTING WITH STRETCHES FOR FLEXIBILITY.
ALL RIGHT!
REN! STRETCH WITH M—
SEE (WHEEZE)
SEE
LET'S SEE...LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PAIR UP...
...WITH SOMEONE YOUR SIZE, SO NEITHER PERSON WILL BE STRAINED.
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!?
WE'RE STRETCH BUDDIES, HIBIKI-CHAN! ♫
...
PL-PLEASE BE GENTLE WITH ME.
DOKI (BADUMP)
DOKI
'KAY.
STAND NEXT TO YOUR PARTNER...
...WITH THE SIDES OF YOUR FEET TOUCHING—
TAKE BOTH OF YOUR PARTNER'S HANDS AND PULL AWAY...
OH! I KNOW THIS ONE!
GU (STRETCH)
THIS IS THE ONE PEOPLE ON SPORTS TEAMS DO ALL THE TIME, RIGHT!?

ONE...
BAKI (CRACK)
TWO.
THREE.
FOUR.
FIVE.
HOLD THE POSITION WITH YOUR ARMS EXTENDED FOR FIVE SECONDS, THEN RELEASE IT.
SLOW DOWN!
YAAAH!
GU
GU
GU
GU
I...I HAD A FEELING SOMETHING MIGHT GO WRONG, BUT...!
.....
...!!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
SHUU (FIZZLE)
—THAT WAS AWFULLY FAST...
'SCUSE ME...
KUMEGAWA-SAN'S SHOULDER, ARM, AND HIP...
YORO (WOBBLE)
...MADE A "CRACK" NOISE.
YOU TOO!? I KNEW IT.

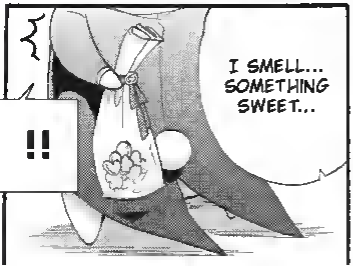
POSH (PLOP)
NEXT, LET'S DO A LYING-DOWN MAT STRETCH.
OKAY, THEN WE'LL GO WITH SOMETHING MORE RELAXED ...
GU (STRETCH)
THE PARTNER ON TOP SHOULD PLACE HER HANDS ON THE KNEES OF THE PARTNER LYING DOWN...
...AND SLOWLY PUSH HER LEGS TOWARD HER BODY.
LIKE... THIS?
GU (PUSH)
THIS STRETCH STIMULATES THE LEGS AND STOMACH.
NN...
YOU OKAY, KUMEGAWA-SAN?
I-I'M... FINE...
I CAN BEAR ...THIS MUCH PAIN ...!

IF IT STARTS TO BE TOO MUCH, SPEAK UP..
GUI
GUI
O-OKAY...!
WHEN YOU STRETCH, YOU SHOULD STOP IF YOU FEEL PAIN.
HEY, SHOULD I?
SHOULD I BEND THEM MORE?
HEY, HIBIKI-CHAN, IS THIS ABOUT RIGHT?
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO (RUMBLE)
WHY... DOES THIS HAPPEN ...?
KYUU (FIZZLE)
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN!?
AAAH!
DOON (THUMP)
KURU (TOPPLE)
AH!

You look happy, Sensei!
Whatcha lookin' at?
OH! TIMOTHY.
CLASS 1?

YOU SOUND LIKE YOUR HAPPINESS LEVELS ARE A LITTLE HIGHER THAN USUAL, YOURSELF.
DOKI (BADUM)
Hwuh !?
I-I'm the same as always !

I'M LOOKING OVER THE PIECES FROM YESTERDAY'S SKETCHING CONTEST.
IT'S A COLLECTION WITH SOME RATHER FUN MOTIFS.
THERE ARE FANTASTIC PIECES ABOVE MY TECHNICAL EXPECTATIONS TOO.
WOW...
IT'S VERY PROMISING. ♪


I SMELL... SOMETHING SWEET...
!!

OH MY! COOKIES?
KASA (CRINKLE)
...Y...
You can only have half, 'kay?
SU (SWIP)
THANK YOU.
—BUT JUST ONE IS PLENTY FOR ME.
YOU TAKE THE REST, DEAR.
Since you gave the permission, we should both have 'em.
Hibarigaoka-san gave 'em to me for helpin' reserve the multipurpose hall.
YOU CAUGHT ME...
BEFORE SHE CAN TAKE TIME FOR TEA...
...SENSEI HAS A LITTLE MORE WORK TO DO.
SAKU (CRUNCH)

"DON'T INJURE YOURSELF."
"DON'T OVERDO IT."
...PERFECTLY...FINE!...
I'M...
YOU SURE?
HERE WE GO!
ARE!
"DON'T PUSH BACK OR USE FORCE."
GUKI (SNAP)
ANOTHER HOLE!?
UH-HUH!
"DON'T RUSH."
GI (STRAIN)
THE ABCs OF PARTNER STRETCHES ...
"SPEAK UP IF YOU'RE IN PAIN."
GIGI
I-I CAN KEEP..GOING ...!
POKI (POP)
AAA!
...CAN WE EVEN DO SPORTS DAY...!?
AT THIS RATE...
IT'S ALL A MESS...!
OKEY-DOKEY, I'M GONNA PUSH!
WAA!
BAKI (CRACK)

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WAAAH!
HERE GOES, HANAKO.
I'M READY! ♫
AFTER TRAINING HARD WITH YOU GIRLS FOR SOME DAYS NOW...
...I FEEL SLIGHTLY MORE FLEXIBLE!
THAT'S GREAT, KUMEGAWA-SAN.
GRRooo
I HAD MY DOUBTS ABOUT THIS AT FIRST...
YEAH, REALLY.
—BUT YOU'RE GETTING HURT LESS...
—AND WE'VE GOTTEN USED TO THE STRETCHES.
WE'LL BE READY FOR SPORTS DAY BEFORE WE—
Ah!!

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WHEN DID THE BAR GET THIS LOW!?
WAIT A MINUTE.
WE'RE STILL ONLY AT "CAN DO NORMAL WARM-UP STRETCHES"...
DOON (OUH) DUN)
OH YEAH.
?
WHAT'S UP, HIBARI-CHAN?
.....
NOTHING.
SPORTS DAY IS PRETTY CLOSE NOW...
...BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T HAD ANY CLASS PRACTICE SESSIONS OR ANYTHING, HAVE WE?
!!

HMM...
MY FRIENDS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL SAY THEIR SCHOOLS ARE DOING IT TOO...
MY BROTHERS WENT TO A DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOL. THEY HAD PRACTICE.
HUH?
WH—
WHAT!?
IS THAT JUST HOW IT GOES IN HIGH SCHOOL?
THAT'S TRUE...
UH...
...THAT'S WHAT BOTHERS YOU!?
WHO'S THE PESTERING PEON WHO STILL WON'T LET YOU GO...!!?
WH—
WHO WAS IT!? WHO CONTACTED YOU!?
U-FU-FU.
IT SURE IS EXCITING, ISN'T IT!!?
.....
THAT TEACHER LOVES SURPRISES ...
DO YOU SUPPOSE WE'LL BE WINGING SPORTS DAY TOO?

.....
WAI (CLAMOR)
WAI
!!!
DOKI! (JOLT)
KURU (SPIN)
PYON (HOP)
D-didja need some-thin', Sensei?
OH, NO, NOT PARTIC-ULARLY.
ONLY ...
SU (SWUSH)
DOKI!
DOKI (RADUN)
DOKI!
Y—
Y—
You snuck up on me~!
OH DEAR. I'M SORRY FOR SCARING YOU.
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY.
U FU FU...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF CLASS 1-7...
...HAVE ALL STARTED TRAINING FOR SPORTS DAY, HAVEN'T THEY?
EVEN THOUGH I NEVER SUGGESTED IT...
THAT'S OUTSTANDING. ♪
Oh yeah... It looks like every-body's trainin' after school.
IT'S GOOD PROGRESS COMPARED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ISN'T IT?
EVERYTHING STARTS FROM THINKING FOR YOURSELF AND TAKING ACTION ON YOUR OWN.
.....
"To act" ...

...WELL.
TAKING ACTION IS IMPORTANT...
...BUT THAT ISN'T TO SAY IT WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO RESULTS...
FUU (SIGH)
What are you saying, Sensei!?
Just when you made it sound so good!!
UNFOR-TUNATELY, REALITY IS HARSH.
Huh !?

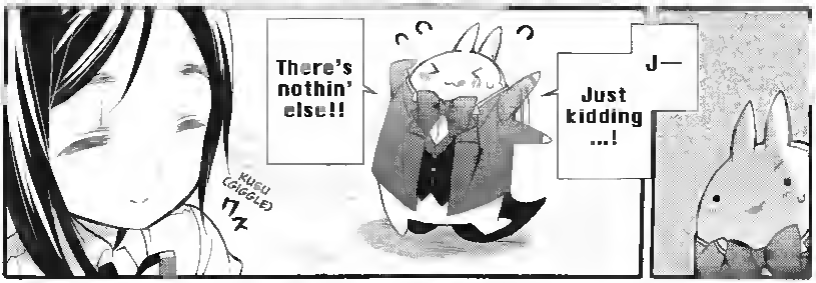
NOT TO WORRY !
IN THIS WORLD, FEW EXPERI-ENCES ARE USELESS.
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN TRYING ANYTHING. ♥
Sounds kinda light-hearted ...

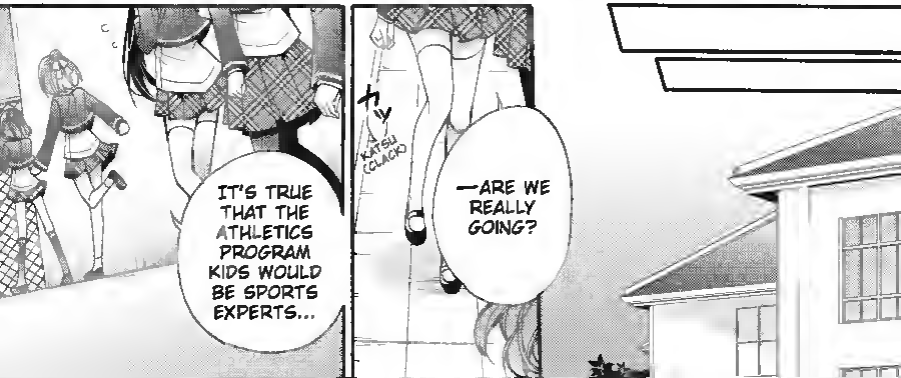
—Yes.
That goes for you too. ♫
DOKI (BADUM)

It seems like Hanakoizumi-san and her friends always stretch in a group of five.
They need one more person for an even number. ♪
I...!
I CAN'T...
...!!
Eh?
Wh-wh—!
Whatcha mean?
BAAAM! ♫
...then you should.
If you want to join in on their practice...
I'm sure they'd be happy to have you.
Why not?
.....
NGH.
N-NO WAY...
I... CAN'T...!
I-I COULD NEVER TOUCH A GIRL'S BODY...!!
GURU
GURU (SHIVER)
I—
I'M ALWAYS ...
I ONLY EVER TOUCH KEYBOARDS AND ALUMINUM ALLOY AND FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTIC AND SO ON...!
.....
C...
C...
'COS...
GYU (CLENCH)
...ERR ...!

GIVEN THAT YOU WERE SPYING ON THEM.
BUT...
...YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THOSE GIRLS, AREN'T YOU?
*IKURI (STIFFEN)
WHEW!
IF IT'S STILL TOO DIFFICULT...
...THEN I WON'T FORCE YOU.
UMMM...
AH...
HUH?
THAT'S 'COS...
...WHO LIKED... TIMOTHY...
...THE MOST.
*NU (WHINE)
*IRI (SHIMMY)
SINCE WHEN I FIRST... PUT OUT HIS HOLOGRAM...
...DURING THE...FIRST TERM... EXAMS...
HANA... KOIZUMI-SA...N.
...SH...
SHE WAS... THE ONE...

B—
BESIDES...
UM...
PA (UNFURL)
.....


There's nothin' else!!
J—
Just kidding ...!
KUSU (GIGGLE)


IT'S TRUE THAT THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM KIDS WOULD BE SPORTS EXPERTS...
KATSU (CLACK)
—ARE WE REALLY GOING?

...BUT WE SHOULDN'T BE PEEKING ON THEIR EXCLUSIVE AREA...
IT'S NOT PEEKING!
THIS IS LEGITIMATE, TACTICAL SPYING ...!!
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S AGAINST ANY RULES.
WE NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING WE CAN ABOUT THEIR CAPABILITIES AND THEIR SPECIAL TRAINING!
WAKU WAKU (EXCITED)
ARE YOU GOING TO INCORPORATE THEIR METHODS INTO YOUR OWN TRAINING REGIME LATER?
AMAZING!
URK!
TH-THAT'S ONE POSSIBILITY.
...BUT IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEY DO.
AND HEY!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO HAPPY-GO-LUCKY!?
HIBIKI'S DOING THIS FOR YOUR SAKES!
FOR... US?
YOU ARE?
OF COURSE I AM !!

HIBIKI AND REN ARE ALREADY ATHLETIC.
BUT YOU GIRLS COULDN'T OUTRACE A TURTLE, COULD YOU?
BISHI (JAB)
TURTLES ARE FASTER THAN YOU'D THINK, WHEN THEY GO ALL OUT!
LIKE THE CHINESE SOFTSHELL TURTLE!
I'M SURE I WOULD COLLAPSE BEFORE THE RACE BEGAN. EVEN A TURTLE—
WHAT-EVER!!
...HEY, UH...
WHAT, HIBARI-GAOKA!?
ERM, BEFORE THAT...
LOOK OVER THERE...
YOU SHOULD SAY SOME-THING TO THEM TOO...
KYAAAAA!
KYAAA!
THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM GIRLS ARE CLOSING IN ON REN-SAN...
REN!!?

(RUMBLE)
HEEEY!
SPECTATE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT. ♡
SPECTATING, I GUESS?
YOU'RE REN-SAMA FROM CLASS 7 ♡
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
YOU'RE PERFECT UP CLOSE TOO~!!
WAI
WAI (CHATTER)
—AFTER ALL THAT...
AS-AS LONG AS IT GETS US GOOD RESULTS, THIS IS FINE!
HOW NICE OF THEM, YES? ♡
...HERE WE ARE, WATCHING THEM OUT IN THE OPEN.
WAAH!
WAAH!

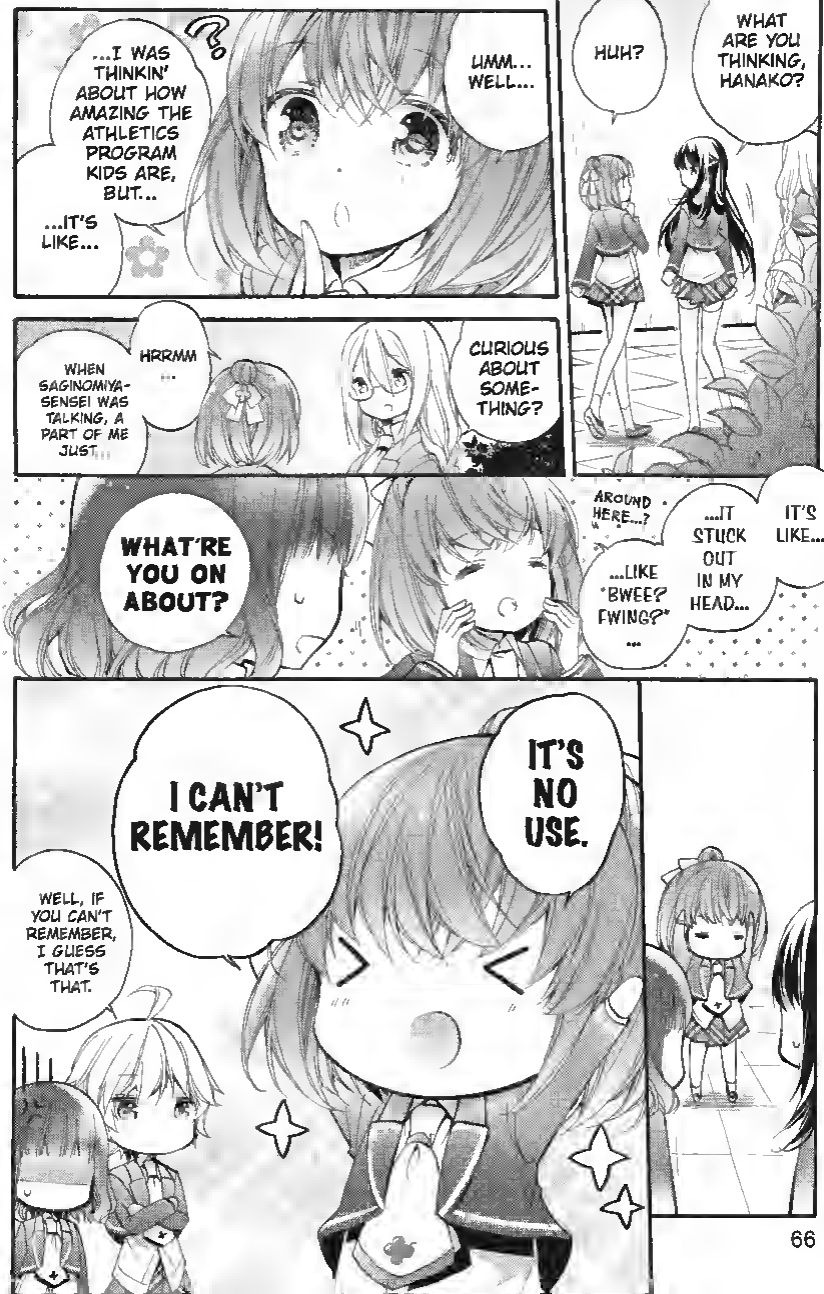
BUT ANYWAY...
(SHIRA (CLANG))
(DAN (LEAP))
DA (STAMP)
DA
DA
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO (RUMBLE)
A LITTLE MORE, AND I THINK I CAN BEAT MY PERSONAL RECORD...
(YU (WHOOSH))
THEN YOU'LL MOVE UP TO SECOND IN THE NATION, RIGHT?
KEEP IT UP!
WAI
WAI
(BUN (FLING))

I'M STARTING TO FEEL TERRIBLE FOR EVEN WATCHING THEM...
WHAT IS UP WITH THIS INSANELY HIGH LEVEL...!?
...HM?
ZAA (SKF?)
YOU GIRLS ARE FROM THE HAPPINESS CLASS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN AN ATHLETICS PROGRAM AREA?
SAGI-NOMIYA-SENSEI!
U-UM! WELL ...
WE CAN EX-PLAIN ...!

HEY !!!
DON'T GIVE US AWAY!!
MA'AM!!
WE'RE DOIN' TAK-TIH-KUHL SPYING!
FAN CLUB
—I SEE.
SO YOU GIRLS ARE PLANNING FOR SPORTS DAY IN YOUR OWN WAY.
LOOKING FOR POSSIBILITIES AND MAKING AN EFFORT IS EXCELLENT.
WAAAH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, WATCHING THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM'S STUDENT-LED PRACTICE?
. . . . . .
. . . . . .
WAAAH!
THAT SAID...

WHILE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE HIGH AMBITIONS ...
...WATCHING A HIGH STANDARD FROM THE GET-GO WILL PROBABLY LEAVE YOU STUPEFIED.
EVEN MORESO IF IT'S OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN SPECIALTY.
OUR ACADEMY'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM ...
...GATHERS AND GROOMS STUDENTS WHO ARE THE CREAM OF THE CROP IN THEIR PARTICULAR SPORTS.
THEY'RE ALREADY TOP CLASS NATIONALLY FROM YEAR ONE.
THAT'S AMAZ-ING!
YOU COULD PROBABLY LEARN SOME THINGS FROM THEM...
...BUT I THINK YOU GIRLS SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S MORE YOUR STYLE.
GRR.
...SO IN OTHER WORDS...
...IF WE HAVE THE FREE TIME TO BE SPYING...
...WE'D BE BETTER OFF USING IT TO WORK ON THE FUNDAMENTALS ...?
THAT'S THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT.

KYAA-
COME BACK AGAIN, REN-SAMAAAA!
TEKU (TEP)
TEKU
TO ME, THEY WERE LIKE BEINGS FROM A HIGHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE ...
THAT WASN'T MUCH HELP FOR US.
...WELL, SAGINO-MIYA-SENSEI WAS RIGHT.
SUCH AS?
HRK ...!
EVEN THAT SHORT TIME WAS PLENTY FOR HIBIKI TO ABSORB DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES FROM THEM...
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
HMM...
TEKU
IT WAS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORLD...
...BUT THAT WAS AN ORDINARY DAY FOR THE SPORTS STUDENTS, WASN'T IT?
TEKU
WHAT'S MORE...WE THOUGHT THEY WERE PRACTICING FOR THE LOOMING SPORTS DAY...


WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, HANAKO?
HUH?
IT'S LIKE...
...IT STUCK OUT IN MY HEAD...
...LIKE "BWEE? FWING?" AROUND HERE...?
...
WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT?
CURIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING?
HRRMM...
WHEN SAGINOMIYA-SENSEI WAS TALKING, A PART OF ME JUST...
UMM... WELL...
...I WAS THINKIN' ABOUT HOW AMAZING THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM KIDS ARE, BUT...
...IT'S LIKE...
IT'S NO USE.
I CAN'T REMEMBER!
WELL, IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER, I GUESS THAT'S THAT.

ARE YOU FINISHED WITH YOUR STRETCHES FOR TODAY?
OBVIOUSLY, I'LL TRAIN AT HOME.
BUT I HAVE TO THINK UP A PLAN TO BEAT THE ATHLETICS KIDS...
HIBIKI'S GOING HOME! COME ON, REN!!
ZA (SWOOSH)
ANY SUSPICION OF YOURS WOULD BE SOMETHING RIDICULOUS ANYWAY.
CHIRA (GLANCE)
WANNA PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF?
YES, LET'S.
"STUCK OUT"...?
THAT'S THE OPPOSITE WAY.
WE'LL HAVE A STRATEGY MEETING IN MY ROOM!
DODODO (RUMBLE)

I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
...THAT HANAKO PICKED UP ON?
AH!
Where are Hagyuu-san and Ekoda-san?
THEY LEFT ONLY A MOMENT AGO...
Huh!?
Aww, and here I was gonna...
...personally help ya with your stretches~.
Hey, everybody~! H...
What are you five... wait, huh?
TE (TEP)
TE
TE
IT'S TIMOTHY!

YAAAY!
THANKS A BUNCH, TIMOTHY! ♡
YOU'RE GONNA HELP US?
Err... w-well, you know!
Kodaira-sensei mentioned it~!
...WERE STRETCHING TOGETHER AGAIN TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU KNEW THAT THE FIVE OF US ...
DOKI (JOLT)
NYU (WHOOSH)
KAGANN (CLONK)
EXCUSE MEEE! DID A TENNIS BALL COME THIS WAY?
IT SUDDENLY FLEW OFF IN AN IMPOSSIBLE DIRECTION ...
HANAKO-SAN!!
SHUU (FIZZLE)
ARE YOU OKAAAY!?
HANA-KO!?

WAI
(CLAMOR)
WAI
.....
.....
.....
RGH.
GATA
(CLATTER)

AnneHappy
unhappy
go lucky!

...HAAH...
YORO (WOBBLE)
KARAN (CLACK)
HFF...
Y-YES...I'M QUITE ALL RIGHT...!
I'LL BOUNCE BACK AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, MUCH LIKE STUBBORN MOLD.
THAT'S AN AWFUL ANALOGY.
FURU
FURU (SHIVER)
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY, BOTAN?
STRETCHES OR NO, WHEN YOU DO THEM FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME...
WA!
KOSO (SNEAK)
YOUR LITTLE SIS SOUNDS SO SWEET!
WA! (CLAMOR)
IS SHE? I WON'T WORRY, THEN.
APPARENTLY, MY YOUNGER SISTER WILL BE MEETING ME ON MY WAY HOME TODAY.
SO PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ON MY ACCOUNT ...
HFF...

EVERYTHING STARTS FROM...
...TAKING ACTION ON YOUR OWN.
JI (STARE)
じぃ。
.....
GYU (CLENCH)
ぎゅ
IT'LL BE DARK BEFORE LONG.
YOU TWO TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME!
INDEED. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROOOW!

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GASA (RUSTLE)
HUM... HUUUM...♪
...!!
...
IT LOOKS LIKE MOCHI, BUT IT'S A BUNNY, Y'ALL...♫
OH, MOCHI, SQUISHY MOCHI, CURLED UP IN A BALL...♪
TEKU (TE...)
TEKU
SASASA (SKITTER)

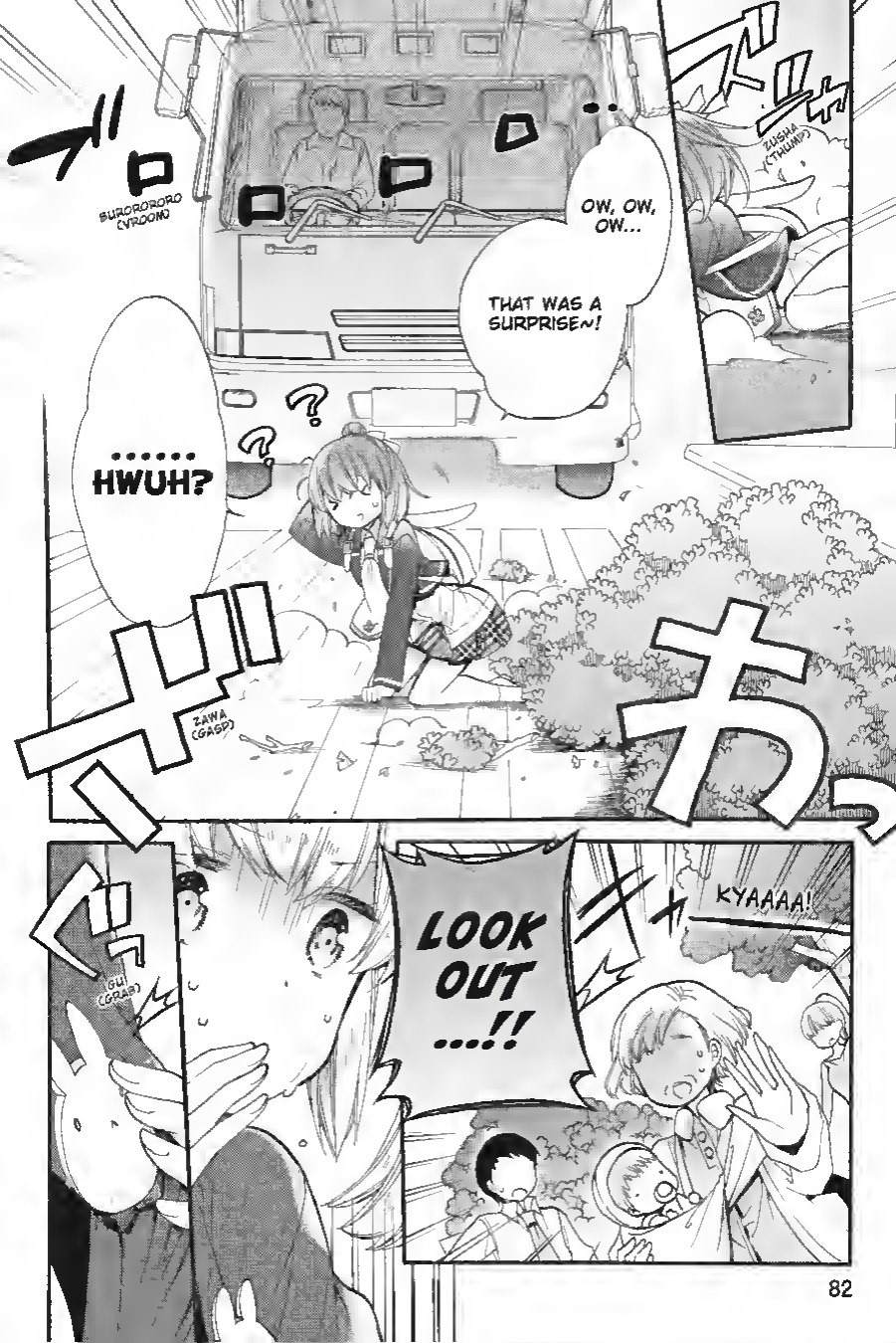
KIRIN (CREAK)
KIRIRI
PUSHAAA (BURST)
!?
WAH WAH! THAT'S COLD~!!
WHAT IS THIS~?
SASHA (SPRITZ)
SHASHA
KYU (SQUEAK)
GOOD THING IT STOPPED!
WONDER IF IT WAS BROKEN?
IT WAS A SPRINKLER FOR THE TREES, HUH...?
I'M POTA (DRIP)
POTA
.....
GUSHOBU (SOAKED)
TSURU (SLIP)

HYU (WHOOSH)
OWIE, OWIE...
WHOOPS! I SLIPPED~!
MUKU (SWUP)
GOFU (KOFF)
YORO (WOBBLE)
GA (WHAM)
ZUSHA (SMACK)
GORO (ROLL)
GORO
GORO
GORO
I-I AM SO SORRY! MY HAND SLIPPED...
ARE YOU OKAY? DID IT HIT YOU!?
HYUUUUUU
KARA (CLATTER)

I'M A-OKAAAY!
EH HEH HEH!
A POTTED PLANT FALLING AND NOT HITTING ME ON THE HEAD... WOW!
I KNEW I WAS LUCKY!
SASASA (SHUFFLE)
TODAY'S A LUCKY DAY!
TRA LA...
...LA...
HIRA (FLUTTER)
CHON (LAND)
A GINGKO LEAF...
IT'S A TEENSY BIT YELLOW!

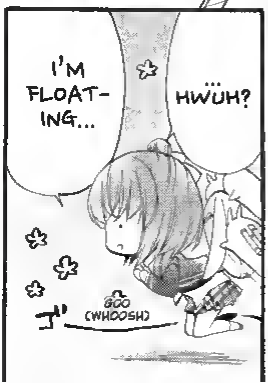
IN FLOWER LANGUAGE, GINGKO MEANS "LONGEVITY"...
IT'S ONLY A LEAF, BUT MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE A LONG LIFE. ♫
AWESOME!
OH, MY. THE LEAVES ARE ALREADY TURNING, AREN'T THEY?
THE GINGKO TREES HERE ARE ALWAYS EAGER FOR FALL.
OH, ARE THEY?
PORO (TUMBLE)
WAI (CLAMOR)
WAI
AH! YOUR TOY...
GUI (GRAB)
!
KORORO (BOUNCE)

THAT'S DANGER-OUS!!
EVEN IF THERE AREN'T ANY CARS COMING, WE STILL HAVE A RED SIGNAL.
OH, WE DO...
THANKS FOR TELLING ME!
NOT AT ALL. THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO HELP.
I'LL PICK IT UP MYSELF ONCE THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN.
MISHI
MISHI CCREAKO
BAKI (CRACK)
!!!
DOGOO (KARAN)


SURORORORO (VROOM)
ZUSHA (THUMP)
OW, OW, OW...
THAT WAS A SURPRISE~!
?
?
.....
HWUH?
ZAWA (GASP)
GU (GRAB)
LOOK OUT ...!!
KYAAAA!

BA (WHAP)
ACTI-VATE...
MINI-TIMO !!!
SASAU (WHOOSH)
PI (PEEP)

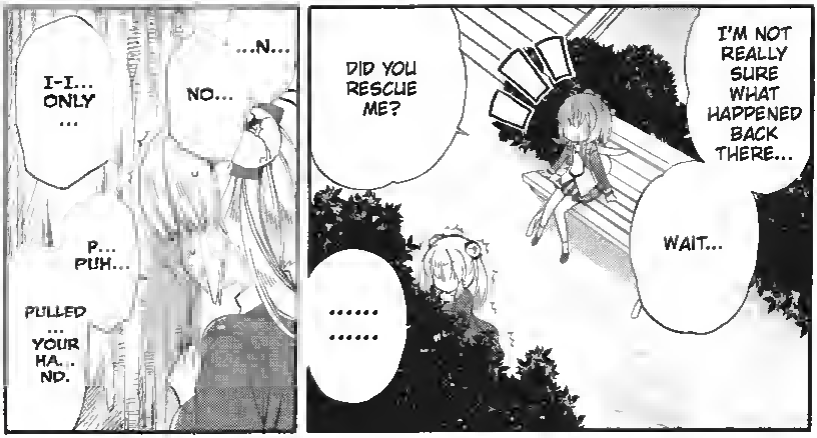
ZA (SWOOSH)
!?
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
KIKI (SCREECH)


I'M FLOAT-ING...
...HWUH?
GOO (WHOOSH)

I THOUGHT I SAW A LIGHT, LIKE FIRE...
BURURURU (QUIVER)
THEY WERE FLYING... BIRDS?
WH-WHAT WAS THAT!?
ZAWA
ZAWA (MUTTERING)

SU (LIFT)
!
TSU-BAKI-CHAN ...!!
HA (GASP)
ZAWA
ZAWA (MURMUR)
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?
WHERE'S THAT GIRL!?
ZAW
DAAA (ZOOM)
HE...
HE...

TSUBAKI-CHAN...
BOKI (BADUM)
GOGO (WHOOM)
HE...
HE...


I-I... ONLY ...
...N...
NO...
P... PUH...
PULLED ... YOUR HA.. ND.
DID YOU RESCUE ME?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE...
WAIT...
....

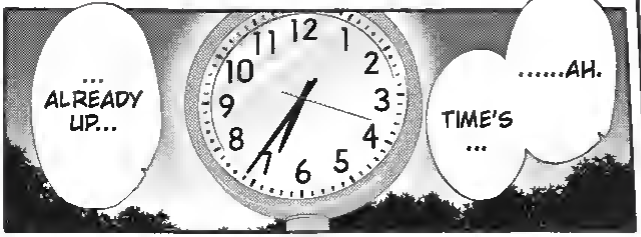
AH!
OH, YEAH! I WAS FLOATING A LITTLE BEFORE!!
A MYSTERIOUS EXPERIENCE!
THAT WAS WHEN YOU CAME ALONG, RIGHT!?
...I...
...HAVE A 6:30 P.M. CURFEW.
IT'S ACTUALLY S'POSED TO BE SIX O'CLOCK, BUT I GOT IT EXTENDED A LITTLE SO I COULD DO STRETCHES WITH HIBARI-CHAN AND THE GIRLS~!
SO...
...I HOPE YOU'LL SIT WITH ME...
...JUST FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES.

BACK TO BACK.
YOU'RE SUPER-FAST, AREN'T YOU?
LIKE, AS FAST AS THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM KIDS WE WATCHED TODAY~!
TH—
THAT'S NOT... TRUE.
I-I'M ONLY FAST...
...A-AT RUNNING... AWAY.
AVOIDING DANGEROUS PLACES REAL QUICK, RIGHT!?
LIKE SENSEI TALKED ABOUT...ERM, WHAT WAS IT CALLED AGAIN...?

IT'S NOT... ANYTHING THAT GREAT...
I-I'M REA...LLY ONLY...
...RUNNING... FROM THINGS THAT SCARE ME...FROM EVERYTHING.
.....S...
SITUATIONAL AWARENESS EXERCISES?
YEAH! THAT!!
I'VE ALWAYS ...
...B-BEEN THAT... WAY.

I-INSTEAD OF GOING TO SCHOOL...
...I KEPT UP WITH SELF-STUDY...
...AND SOLD THE RIGHTS TO PROGRAMS I WROTE AND ROBOT DESIGNS AND STUFF TO COMPANIES...
I FORCED MY FAMILY TO RECOGNIZE THAT I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY EVEN WITHOUT... LEAVING THE HOUSE...
TSUBAKI-CHAN, YOU KNOW HOW TO DO COMPUTER STUFF?
COOL!
J—
JUST A LITTLE...!
IT'S NOTHING S-SPECIAL..!
DOKI (BADUM)
H ...HOW... ABOUT YOU, HANAKOI-ZUMI-SAN?
I USED ONE JUST A TEENSY BIT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!
WE HAVE A COMPUTER AT MY HOUSE TOO.
BUT WHEN I TRY TO USE IT, IT SUDDENLY EXPLODES, EVERY TIME...
.....
...SO MY DAD SAYS NOT TO TOUCH IT...
I-I'M...
..ONLY USING...
.....THE THINGS I LIKE..
...TO... RUN AWAY FROM EVERY-ONE...

...
"RUNNING AWAY"...
IS THAT...
...REALLY ...
...SUCH A BAD THING?
.....
.....
...?
HUH ...?


... ALREADY UP...
.....AH. TIME'S ...

THANKS FOR TALKING TO ME!
WH... AH...TH-THANKS FOR LIS-TENING... TO ME RAMBLE ...
B-BYE ...!

S-SORRY FOR MAKING YOU BREAK YOUR CUR... FEW...
S—
I-I'LL... GO HOME TOO.
NO WOR-RIES~!

TATA (PATTER)

TSUBAKI-CHAN.
TA (TAP)

SPORTS DAY...
...IS GONNA BE SO MUCH FUN.
OKAY!
BYE-BYYYE! ♫
SEE YOU TOMORROW!

SEE YOU...
...TOMORROW...
...
DORURU
RURU
DORU (DRN)
RU
RU
RU
KON (KNOCK)
KON
KACHA (KACHAK)
KODAIRA.
I'M COMING IN

LOOKS LIKE EVERY-THING YOU ORDERED CAME IN.
I PUT IT IN THE STAFF STORAGE ROOM.
OH, SAGINO-MIYA-SENSEI!
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ♪
CHIRA (GLANCE)
I SEE YOU'RE UP TO THE SAME THING YET AGAIN THIS YEAR. YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ...
U-FU-FU. ♡
CHIKU (STITCH)
CHIKU
IT'S MORE FUN FOR BIG EVENTS TO BE GRAND AND SURPRISING, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS A DISTIN-GUISHED ACADEMY.
NOW, NOW.
IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF YOU MAKE IT TOO MUCH OF A SHOWY PARTY...
—BUT...
...WE HAVE ANOTHER, MORE PRESSING CONCERN.

...YES, WE DO.
I DO HOPE THOSE KIDS...
...WILL OVERCOME IT THIS YEAR...
ENTRANCE

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go lucky!

WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
MAIN OFFICE
SOWA
SOWA
SOWA (RESTLESS)
HIBIKI.
POKI! (GOLD)
HYAWAH!?
Y_Y_YES!!
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO... TAKE THIS TO THAT TENT, PLEASE.
THE HIGHER ONE.
HUH? A-RIGHT.
O-OF COURSE. HIBIKI CAN HANDLE THIS!!

CHON (PERCH)
—AND SHE'S NOT LISTEN-ING...
IT'S THE TENT OVER THERE, OKAY...?
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO (RUMBLE)
CHIRA (GLANCE)
KUSU (CHUCKLE)
HONESTLY...
...SHE DOESN'T NEED TO TREAT IT LIKE A BIG DEAL.
SHE GETS LIKE THAT EVERY YEAR.
WAI (CLAMOR)
WAI

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Students may now disperse .....
...opening ceremony.
.....This concludes the Tennomifune Academy Sports Day...
YAAAY!
IT'S HAPPENING, HUH~!? ♫
...IT FEELS LIKE AN ORDINARY SPORTS DAY.
THAT'S A RELIEF.
BOTAN... PROMISE ME YOU WON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, OKAY?
UNDERSTOOD!
JUST ORDINARY SPORTS DAY THINGS, RIGHT!!?
CAN I SURVIVE THE ENTIRE DAY...?
HOURS FROM NOW, WILL I COLLAPSE OR STAY STANDING?
INDEED ...

KEH! KEH! KEH...
YEAH.
GOOD THING IT'S SUCH GREAT WEATHER~!
KURA (STAGGER)
THE SUNLIGHT...
WAKU (GIDDY)
WAKU
WAKU
SO IT'S FINALLY UPON US— SPORTS DAY...
MEOW!
DON (BANG)
...THE TIME FOR HIBIKI TO UNLEASH HER UNRIVALED PHYSICAL PROWESS!!
IT'S ODD THAT THERE WASN'T A SINGLE CLASS PRACTICE ...
...BUT AS LONG AS CLASS 7 HAS HIBIKI AND REN, DEFEAT IS NOT—
MUGYUU (SQUOOSH)
DARN IT! THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS OUTSIDE!
SCRAAA-AAM!!
MEOW!
MROOOW!

OH MY GOODNESS.
MEOW~
WE CAREFULLY SEALED OFF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS SO NOT EVEN A SINGLE KITTEN COULD GET IN...
LIKE HELL YOU DID!
THERE ARE A HUNDRED KITTENS IN HERE, SENSEI...
IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF THEY SLIPPED INTO COMPETITIONS..
...SO SENSEI WILL LURE THEM AWAY.
NADE (PET)
なでる NADE
CAN SHE DO THAT ...?
OKAY, BOYS AND GIRLS.
IT'S FINALLY THE START OF A FUN SPORTS DAY!
AS I EXPLAINED THIS MORNING, FOLLOW THE COMPETITION PROGRAM, GET ALONG, AND TRY YOUR BEST WITH SOME PEP IN YOUR STEP. ♪
...
OKAAAY! ♫

UM... SENSEI?
YES, HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN?
...WE GOT THE HANDOUT WITH THE SPORTS DAY PROGRAM AND OUR EVENTS, BUT...
...UM... YOU HAVEN'T EXPLAINED EVERYTHING YET, RIGHT?
I HAVEN'T?
.....
.....
YOU HAVEN'T !!!
PLEASE DON'T FORGET!
IN HOMEROOM THIS MORNING...
WAI (CLAMOR)
WAI
PIRA (CRINKLE)
WAI
DID YOU ALL GET THE HANDOUT, DEARS?
SPORTS DAY WILL PROCEED ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE, SO PLEASE CHECK IT.
ZAWA (WHISPER)
ZAWA

おず
OZU (HESITATE)
EXCUSE ME.
MAY I ASK A QUESTION, SENSEI...?
"GIANT BALL ROLL"... "HUNDRED-METER DASH"... "BEAN BAG TOSS"...
ALL OF THESE ARE ORDINARY SPORTS DAY GAMES...
THE FLOOR IS YOURS, KUMEGAWA-SAN. ♪
I NOTICE THE PARTICIPANTS SECTION ONLY LISTS CLASSES 4 THROUGH 6 AND CLASS 7.
NOT THE STUDENTS IN CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3...
PLEASE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.
CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3 AREN'T THE ONLY STUDENTS NOT LISTED.
EH...?
OH!
DO YOU MEAN...?
WHICH MEANS THAT THE THIRD-YEARS AREN'T LISTED EITHER.
BINGO. ♫
I SEE THAT THE STUDENTS ALLOCATED AMONG COMPETITIONS ON THE HANDOUT ARE ALL FIRST- AND SECOND-YEARS
WHAT IS IT, WHAT IS IT?
—FU-FU-FU. ♡
PLOTZ
?

TENNOMIFUNE ACADEMY SPORTS DAY...
...IS HELD WITH ONLY THE FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS IN CLASSES 4 THROUGH 7 EVERY YEAR.
GOING BY DEPARTMENTS, OUR SPORTS DAY PITS THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AGAINST THE HAPPINESS PROGRAM!
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
WHY ARE WE COMPETING WITH THE SPORTS KIDS?
WE CAN'T BEAT THEM!
TH-THE THIRD-YEARS ASIDE...
...ISN'T IT WEIRD FOR ONLY THE ACADEMICS KIDS TO BE EXEMPT?
GATA
GATA
IT'S A SCHOOL EVENT...!
OH, NO...
I NEVER SAID THAT CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3 ARE ENTIRELY EXEMPT.
YOU SAW THEM COME TO SCHOOL TODAY YOURSELVES, DIDN'T YOU?
AH...
N-NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
TO MAKE EVERY STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL TALENTS BLOOM EVEN MORE—
THAT IS TENNOMI-FUNE'S DIRECTIVE.

KARI
KARI (SKRITCH)
KARI
KARI
KARI
KARI
KARI
WHILE THE ATHLETICS AND HAPPINESS PROGRAMS ARE OUTSIDE FOR SPORTS DAY...
...THOSE IN THE ACADEMICS PROGRAM WILL BE HOLDING AN "ALL-DAY ENDURANCE FIVE-SUBJECT EXAM MARATHON"!!
ZAWA (GASP)
THIS IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE STUDENTS' WISHES. ♪
THIS TIME OF YEAR, SICKNESS AND INJURY IS THEIR GREATEST ENEMY. .
...BUT THIS MARATHON IS JUST RIGHT FOR MEASURING THEIR PHYSICAL STAMINA AND THEIR ACADEMIC STRENGTH AT THE SAME TIME.
IS SHE SERIOUS ...?
IF ANY OF YOU WOULD PREFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAM MARATHON...
...YOU'RE WELCOME TO SWITCH EVENTS.
FOR SOME REASON, EVERY YEAR, BARELY ANYONE WANTS TO...
I WONDER WHY THAT IS?
THAT'S NO SURPRISE... ∪
...EX...
...EXCUSE ME...
MY PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS DAY WILL ONLY HOLD EVERYONE BACK.
AH!
PERHAPS I'D BEST TAKE ON THE EXAM MARATHON AND EXPIRE ALONE, RATHER THAN...

AAAH!
I-I'M SINCERELY SORRY!
YOU HELPED ME SO VERY MUCH WITH MY STAMINA-BUILDING.
..AND YET I..! OH, CURSE MY SUNFISH-LIKE WEAKNESS..!!
BA (WHAP)
SHOBON (GLOOM)
UWAAAHN!
WHAT'S WITH THEM...?
NN
ALL RIGHT! ♪
THEN WE HAVE FULL SPORTS DAY PARTICIPATION FROM THE HAPPINESS CLASS.
THERE ARE NO MORE OBJECTIONS, CORRECT?
.....SENSEI!
YES?

WAI (CHATTER)
WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ME—!?
WAI
YOU DEARS NEED TIME TO CHANGE, DON'T YOU?
SASASA (SHUFFLE)
HURRY AND GET READY, NOW!
NOW, THEN!
LOOK AT THE TIME! THE OPENING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
KURU (SPIN)
WHAT ABOUT THE AFTERNOO—
WHEN I TAKE A CLOSER LOOK .. THIS PROGRAM ONLY HAS A MORNING SCHEDULE!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
BYU (ZOOM)
AH !!
OH, YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
WELL, SENSEI HAS WORK TO DO!
PAN (PANG)
PIN (PING)
PON (PONG)
POOON
YOU NEVER ANSWERED ME!!
YEAH!
—SO THERE WAS STILL HAGYULU-SAN'S QUESTION ...
HIBIKI
HIBARI
SHE RAN AWAY...
THIS IS SCARY, GIVEN OUR PAST EXPERIENCES...

!
HERE!
LET'S HAVE FUN TODAY!
WE DON'T USUALLY MEET, DO WE?
UH-HUH! ♪
Y-YES!
ARE YOU A SECOND-YEAR FROM ...?
AH...
WE'RE ALL ON TEAM WHITE.
YOU'RE THE HAPPINESS CLASS FIRST-YEARS, RIGHT?
OH, YOU'RE DREAMY! ♡
PON (PAFF)
ALL RIGHTY! LET'S DO THIS!!
OUR POINTS COMBINE WITH THE SECOND-YEARS', RIGHT?
YEAH...WE DON'T REALLY SEE THEM OUTSIDE OF EVENTS LIKE THIS.
IT'S A BIG SCHOOL AND ALL.
THEY WERE SUCH BRIGHT AND CHARMING SENPAIS...

RED
WHITE
130
0
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
PON (POP)
PON (POP)
AAAAH!
WAAAH
SHUUU (FIZZLE)
RED
WHITE
280
0
IM...
IM-POS-SIBLE ...!
HFF...
HAAH...
PAAN (POP)
4

...SO TEAM WHITE'S SCORE IS MULTIPLIED BY THREE...
WE HAVE ONE-THIRD AS MANY STUDENTS ...
...BUT WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE POINT, SO IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
RGH ...
HIBIKI
KH...! TH-THEY COULD ONLY BEAT ME IN SHORT DISTANCES.
HIBIKI'S TRUE STRENGTH IS IN LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING...!!
GRR...
THEIR PHYSICAL ABILITY IS OFF THE CHARTS.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THE SPORTS PROGRAM ...
HFF.
IT SEEMS THAT OUR DESIGNATED EVENTS WERE SELECTED RANDOMLY.
THE PROGRAM DOESN'T HAVE ME IN ANY, THOUGH.
MM...
REN, YOU'RE GOOD AT DASHES, AREN'T YOU?
REN ~~!
...THE GOAL-KEEPER IN A SOCCER PENALTY SHOOT-OUT...?
WHAAA—!?
...HOW ELSE COULD I EVER BE...
I WAS TRULY CONFUSED ...
THAT MUST BE THE CASE ...

HANAKO-SAN IS PERSEVER-ING TOO.
I NEED TO FOLLOW HER LEAD!!
NO... THIS IS A TRIAL SET BEFORE ME...!
Y-YEAH!!
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD... YOU'LL DIE!!
YOU SHOULD DROP OUT OF THAT EVENT, BOTAN!!
WAI (GLANCE)
WAI
...WHERE IS SHE?
SPEAK-ING OF HANA-KO...
KYORO (GLANCE)
HYUU (WHOOSH)
WAAAAAAAAH!
...AND THEN GOT COVERED IN WHITE POWDER THAT FELL FROM THE SKY. SHE'S CLEANING HERSELF OFF NOW.
...TUMBLED INTO A SANDPIT...
SHE GOT CAUGHT ON A PROPS NET...
ERM...WHILE YOU WERE COMPETING...
Next, the soccer penalty shoot-out.
All participants please proceed to the entrance.
AH!
W-WELL, THAT'S MY CUE!
WAIT... BOTAN!
.....

I WILL DO MY UTMOST!
IF I CAN STOP IT EVEN ONCE, I CAN EARN POINTS...
BOTAN, BE CAREFUL!
WAAH!
WAAH!
PI! (PWEET)
ZA (SKFF)
HYUOOO (FWOOSH)
BA (WHACK)
B...
BOTAN!!

SHE WAS JUST HIT BY THE BALL...!
I-IS SOMETHING WRONG?
HYOI (LEAN)
ARE YOU OKAY!?
STAY WITH US! WHERE DID YOU GET HIT ...!?
WAAA...
ZA (SHFF)
...
DOKKI
DOKKI
...SHE JUST WENT PALE AND COLLAPSED ...
NO, UM, THE MOMENT I KICKED IT...
DOKKI (BATHUMP)
BUCHI! (SNAP)
TUG OF WAR
GORO (ROLL)
GORO
GORO
GO
GIANT BALL ROLL
I'M BAAACK!
ALL RIGHTY! WHAT'S NEXT?

FOR PITY'S SAKE...I'M GLAD YOU AREN'T BADLY HURT...
...BUT YOU'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE SCRATCHED UP.
I'M OKAY! THANKS!
DOES IT HURT?
FUFUN (STICK)
.....
.....
KIRA
THIS IS TONS OF FUN~!♫
YUP, IT REALLY FEELS LIKE SPORTS DAY!
KIRA (TWINKLE)
WELL, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T OVERDO IT...
...LIKE BOTAN.
WHICH COMPETITION ARE YOU IN NEXT, HIBARI-CHAN?
LET'S SEE... I'M IN—

.....
WAAH!
WAAH!
W-WAIT, HAGYUU-SA—
THAT'S THE WRONG WAY...!
SHUT UP AND MOVE YOUR LEGS, HIBARI-GAOKA!
HIBIKI IS ONLY TEAMING UP WITH YOU BECAUSE THE CHOICE WAS MADE FOR HER, OKAY!?
I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU THE FINISH LINE IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!
DODODO
DODO (RUMBLE)
GOLN
GOLN (ARM)

AnneHappy
unhappy
go lucky!

RED
WHITE
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カタン
KATAN (CLACK)
THE SPORTS KIDS...
THEY'RE STRONG...!!
WAI (CLAMOR)
Team Red's incredible showing gives them a huge lead!!
In fact, Team White has yet to score a single point!
WAI
ざわ
ZAWA (BUZZ)
ZAWA
ざわ
Will Team Red—the Athletics Program...
...go on to victory without the Happiness Class—Team White—ever catching up!?
GRR...

UGH ...!
GAKU (SLUMP)
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPEN-ING...!!
ZERO POINTS, WITH HIBIKI ON THE TEAM...!?
BURU (TREMBLE)
WE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE, HAGYUU-SAN.
TEAM RED HAS SOME OF THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES IN THE NATION—
NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THE ENEMY ...
...HIBIKI... WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!
EVEN IF SHE HAS TO PUT HER VERY LIFE ON THE LINE ...!!
BAN (BAM)
NAY!!
BIKU (SOLID)
!?
WHY WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR...?
.....
.....

BECAUSE TODAY... IS REN'S...
BECAUSE...
.....
ZAWA
—this concludes the Sports Day morning events.
All students, please—
ZAWA (BUZZ)
POPON
PON (POP)
AH!
BFF!
THIS IS HIBIKI'S SACRED VOW, HER PRECIOUS PRAYER!!
PON (WHUMP)
LIKE HIBIKI WOULD TELL YOU!!
—L...
DA (DASH)

WHAT'S PRECIOUS?
URGH!
R-REN...!
NEVER MIND THAT..!
DOKI! (BADUMP)
N—
N—
AWAWA!
DOKI!
DOKI!
DID YOU HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT? IT'S LUNCH.
HIBARI-CHAN! HIBIKI-CHAN!
HYDI (PWOP)
WE BROUGHT EVERYBODY'S LUNCHES! ♫
WAI (CLANG)
THERE ARE PICNIC SHEETS PLACED OUTSIDE TODAY.
A LUNCH OUTSIDE ON THE FIELD WILL BE LOVELY, WON'T IT?
YOU BROUGHT MINE TOO? THANKS...
HYU (WHOOSH)
WAI
WAI
WAI

DO (RUMBLE)
HANAKO'S LUNCH...!!
DO
COME BACK HERE!
GUU (GURGLE)
PON (SPRONG)
POON
HEY, NOW.
HYO! (SNATCH)
NOT TO MENTION, PEOPLE FOOD IS BAD FOR YOU...
WUOOO3...
DON'T DO THAT.
THAT BELONGS TO HANA-KOIZUMI -SAN.
OH MY!

ANOTHER KITTEN VISITOR?
I'LL TAKE IT.
THANK YOU.
OKAY, GIRLS...
MAKE SURE YOU EAT ENOUGH LUNCH!
AS THEY SAY, YOU CAN'T FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. ♪
HERE
THANK YOUUU!
PESHI (SMACK)
PESHI
IT'S NOT SO MUCH A FIGHT...
480
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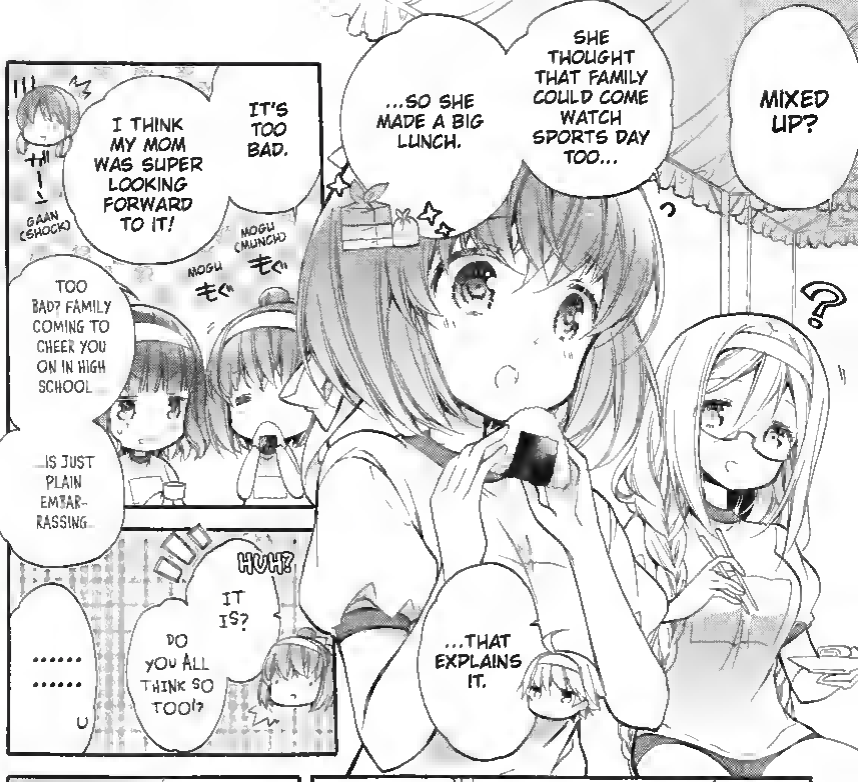
...AS A MASSACRE, WHAT WITH THAT CHASM BETWEEN OUR SCORES ...
WELL, THAT'S NATURAL. YOU'RE IN DIFFERENT PROGRAMS— AND COMPETING ON THEIR TURF TO BOOT.
WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
UM...
...IS SPORTS DAY LIKE THIS EVERY YEAR?
JUST LIKE THIS. ♡
BUT...I WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT YOUR MOTIVATION ...
HMM...
LET'S SEE, NOW...

HERE'S AN EXTRA INCENTIVE!
IF YOU GAIN A HIGHER SCORE THAN TEAM REO EVEN ONCE BEFORE SPORTS DAY IS OVER...
...SENSEI WILL GIVE YOU A WONDERFUL REWARD. ♪
A...
...REWARD...
!?
!!
MY WORD!
WHY, WHATEVER COULD IT BE?
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.

YAAAY!
A REWARD!
WE STILL HAD QUESTIONS ...
...THERE MUST BE A COMPETITION IN THE AFTERNOON WORTH ENOUGH POINTS FOR US TO OVERTAKE TEAM RED, IF ALL GOES WELL.
SINCE SHE SAID THAT...
SO SENSEI WILL BE GOING NOW!
AH !!
...I'LL HAVE TO LET ALL YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW TOO.
NOW THAT IT'S DECIDED ...
BYU (ZOOM)
FU FU FU!
WE'VE NOTHING TO LOSE!
THE AFTERNOON'S MYSTERY EVENTS, HUH...
THAT'S PRETTY UNREASONABLE.
BUT WE'RE STARTING FROM ZERO!
HRRRM.
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ME, AS SOMEONE WITH AS MUCH PHYSICAL ABILITY AS A SPECK OF DUST, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU GIRLS CAN PULL IT OFF...!!
...LET'S EAT!!
BUT FIRST ...
GUU
GUUU (GRUMBLE)
KYUUUUUU (GRUMBLE)
YEAH!
ALL RIGHTY!
LET'S DO OUR BEST IN THE AFTERNOON TOO!!
YEAH!

TE
TE
TE (TUP)
WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
!
GASA (RUSTLE)
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR SHARING, HANAKO-SAN. ♡
YOUR LUNCH TODAY IS A VERITABLE FEAST!
UH-HUH! THERE'S PLENTY, SO EVERYBODY DIG IN! ♪
WAI
I'LL TAKE ONE OF THESE.
PAKU (CRUNCH)
REN...WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A FRIENDLY LUNCH WITH THESE PEOPLE ...!?
THERE REALLY IS A LOT.
UH-HUH, 'COS...
...MY MOM GOT MIXED UP.
THERE ARE SOME DANGEROUS FOODS TOO...


MIXED UP?
SHE THOUGHT THAT FAMILY COULD COME WATCH SPORTS DAY TOO...
...SO SHE MADE A BIG LUNCH.
...THAT EXPLAINS IT.
IT'S TOO BAD.
I THINK MY MOM WAS SUPER LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
GAAN (SHOCK)
MOGU (MUNCH)
モグ
TOO BAD? FAMILY COMING TO CHEER YOU ON IN HIGH SCHOOL...
...IS JUST PLAIN EMBAR-RASSING...
HUH?
IT IS?
DO YOU ALL THINK SO TOO?
.....
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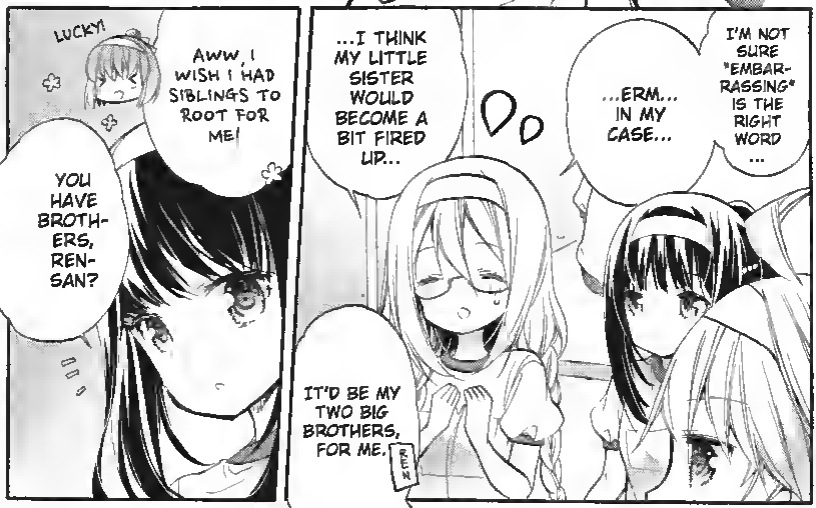

I'M NOT SURE "EMBAR-RASSING" IS THE RIGHT WORD...
...ERM... IN MY CASE...
...I THINK MY LITTLE SISTER WOULD BECOME A BIT FIRED UP...
IT'D BE MY TWO BIG BROTHERS, FOR ME.
REN
LUCKY!
AWW, I WISH I HAD SIBLINGS TO ROOT FOR ME!
YOU HAVE BROTH-ERS, REN-SAN?

SO YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD?
WAAAH! THAT'S THE SAME AS ME!
WAI
CALM DOWN! DON'T CLING ON ME!!
WAI (CLAMOR)
FWOO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD SUM THAT UP AS JUST "OVER-PROTECTIVE"...!?
THEY'RE OVER-PROTECTIVE... I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF THE AGE GAP...
YEAH.
I WONDER WHAT HER BROTHERS ARE LIKE ...
PAKU (BITE)
THE HAGYUU HOUSEHOLD ONLY NEEDS ME!
HIBIKI-CHAN, DO YOU HAVE SIBLINGS?
ME?
YEAH. ARE YOU AN ONLY CHILD TOO?
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO RESPONSIBLE, SO YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'D HAVE YOUNGER SIBLINGS.
HUH?
.....
HOW ABOUT YOU, HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN?
KOKU (GULP)

I HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER. THERE'S AN AGE GAP BETWEEN US TOO...
YES. THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S IN THE GERMAN COUNTRYSIDE WITH OUR PARENTS RIGHT NOW.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN OVER THREE YEARS, LET ALONE FOR SPORTS DAY.
A BABY BROTHER ...
?
BIKU (JOLT)
WH-WHAT...?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!
WHY, I NEVER KNEW!
D—
DID I NOT MENTION IT...?
WAAAA
WELL... EITHER WAY, YOU STILL WOULDN'T SEE HIM.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU SEEMED LIKE A BIG SIS!
SO YOU REALLY WERE A HIBARI-ONEE-CHAN!
MY NAME IS RURI, REMEMBER?

WAI
I SEE.
BUT... HIBARI-GAOKA...
YEAH, THEY'D HAVE TO BRING HIM ALONG, THEN.
WAI CLAMOR
SO HE'S WITH YOUR BIOLOGIST PARENTS, YES?
IF HE'S MUCH YOUNGER THAN YOU, HE MUST STILL BE VERY SMALL.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
...THEY'LL BE COMING HOME.
...AT THE END OF THE YEAR...
...FOR OVER THREE YEARS? SO SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE...
I'M USED TO IT NOW, SO IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
IT'S BEEN SINCE SPRING OF MY FIRST YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BESIDES ...
HOW LOVELY. YOU'LL GET TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S AS A FAMILY.
IT'S ONLY FOR A SHORT VISIT.
THAT'S AWESOME, HIBARI-CHAN!
OH, WOW!

NOW I UNDERSTAND!
THIS IS WHY HIBARI-SAN HAS LOOKED SO EXCITED LATELY.
RIGHT?
DOKI! (BADUM)
HUH!?
KAAAA (BLUSH)
YOU'VE BEEN ALL SMILES.
YES.
SHUU (SIZZLE)
.....
I...
I DON'T REMEMBER LETTING IT SHOW THAT MUCH!!
OH, YOU SHOWED IT, HIBARI-CHAN.
!!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ONLY REASON...
...I'VE SEEMED THAT WAY LATELY.
IT'S BECAUSE I MET YOU GIRLS...

.....
EMBARRASSING!
KAKA (BLUSH)
I DON'T NEED TO TELL THEM THAT, DO I?
GEEZ...
KASA (RUSTLE)
YOU HAVE TO EAT YOUR CARROTS TOO!
MMM...
H-hey!
How ya doin'?
COME OVER HERE! WE'LL GIVE YOU FOOD!
I hate to turn down the offer, but I'm a bunny. No human food for me!
DOKI (JOLT)
HEEEY!
AH!
TIMOTHY! ♫

WAAH!!
TIMOTHY'S IN GYM CLOTHES TOO!
YOU'RE PARTICI-PATING?
Erm... More or less!
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT BIG SACK?
TIMOTHY
SU (SWISH)
PRES-ENTS...
This? Presents from Sensei!
CLOTH? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS—
IT'S LIGHT AND SOFT.
GASA (RUSTLE)
Open them and find out! ♫
Here, take one!
WHAT'S INSIDE THOSE?
IT'S TOO SOON FOR THE "REWARD" SHE MENTIONED ...

SUPER-MINI SKIRT
~~~A...
...A SUPER-SHORT SKIRT...
DON'T TELL ME...
THERE'S ALSO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SHORT TANK TOP.
Well, good luck! ♪
They're the most glamorous part of sports!
WOW... SO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS...
...HAVE STUFF LIKE THIS TOO!
TA (TAP)
WAI
WAI (GLAMOR)
NISHI (WHACK)
~~~

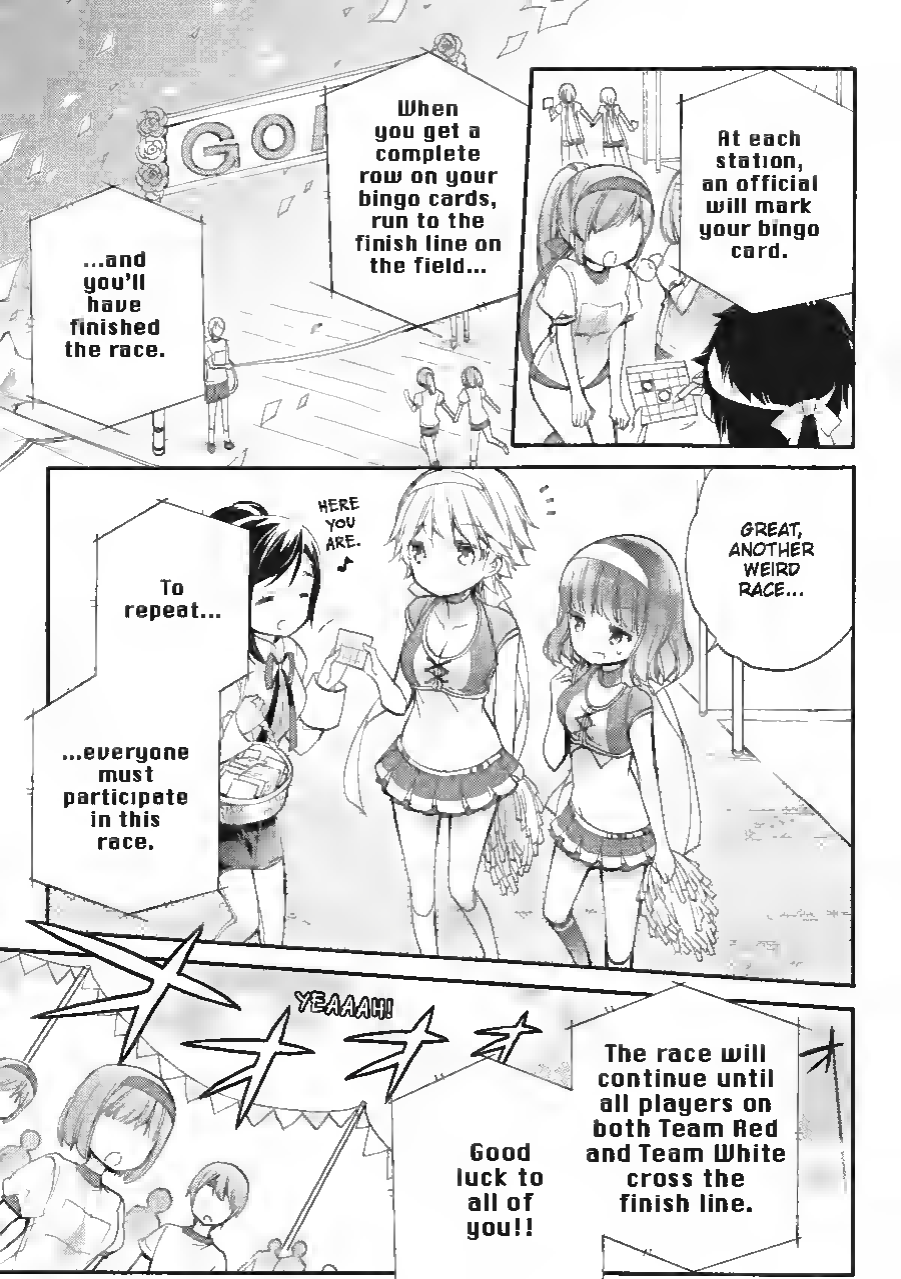
IT SEEMS THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN IMPROMPTU CHEER-OFF...
...WITH BOYS IN CHEER SQUADS AND GIRLS AS CHEER-LEADERS.
OF COURSE THEY DON'T!
I'LL TRY TO STAY OUT OF EVERYONE'S SIGHT AS MUCH AS I CAN..
HNNG!
HIBIKI KNEW THERE'D BE SOME RIDICULOUS EVENT LIKE THIS.
I, HIBIKI, WILL BE A DAZZLING CHEER-LEADER ...!!
NO NEED TO TELL ME!
(DODO)
DODO (RUMBLE)
YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY.
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S STARTING.
LET'S HURRY.
Let the Tenno-mifune Academy Sports Day afternoon program...
...begin!!

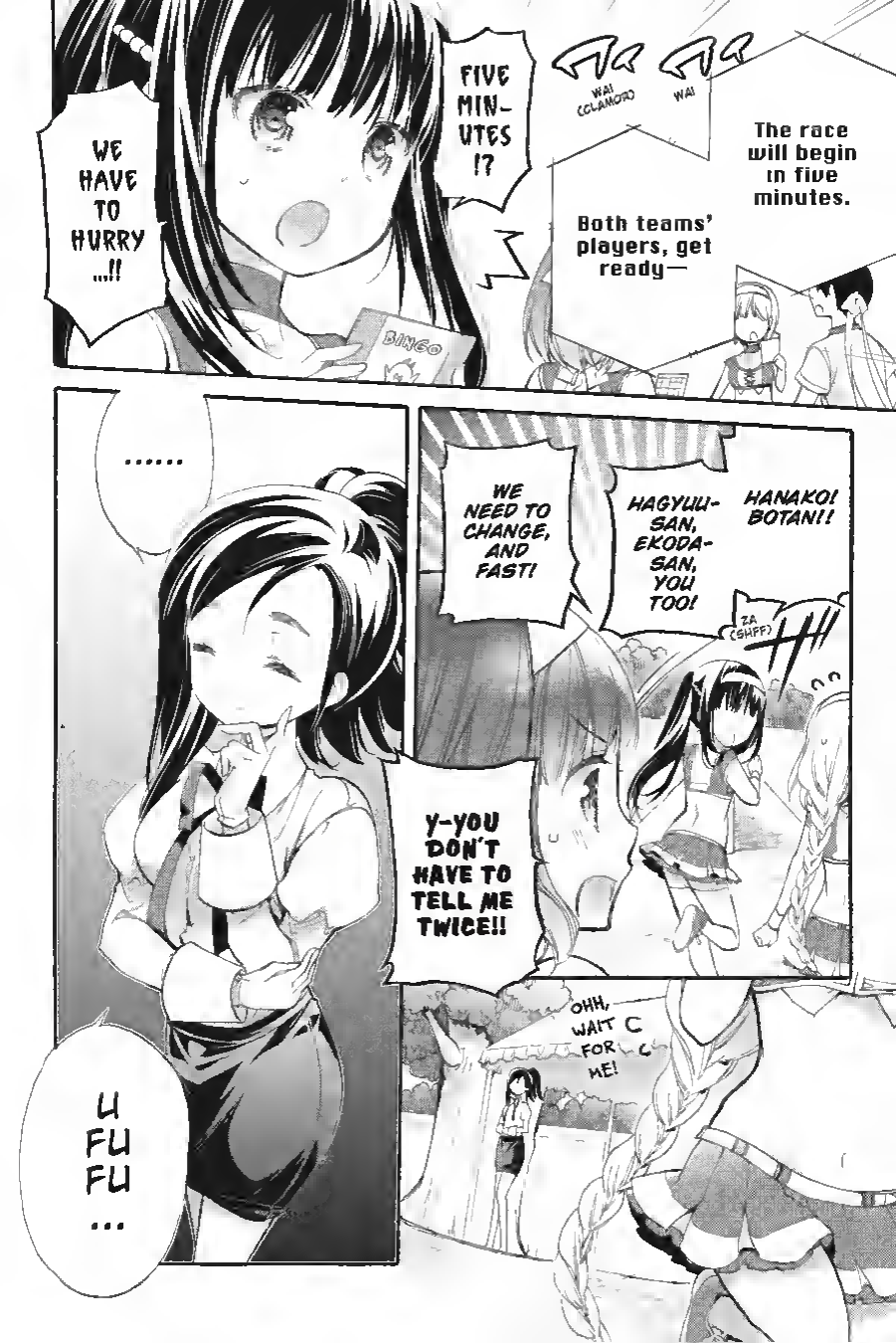
TEAM WHIIITE!
FIGHT!!
ZA (SHOOSH)
KYAAAAA!
WAAAAAH!!

GREAT JOB, GIRLS.
KATSU (CLACK)
FOR AN IMPROMPTU ROUTINE, YOUR CHEERING WAS FAIRLY SMOOTH...
...AND ADORABLE. ♡
TEAM RED DID IT, SO I JOINED IN TOO...
...BUT I AM NOT DOING SOMETHING THIS EMBARRASSING AGAIN.
PASHA (SNAP)
PLEASE DON'T TAKE PICTURES!
MAY WE CHANGE BACK INTO OUR GYM CLOTHES NOW?
PARDON MY UNSIGHTLINESS...
OH DEAR... TOO BAD.
I'D HOPED TO SEE YOU IN THE CHEER OUTFITS I MADE FOR LONGER.
—I SUPPOSE I DIDN'T HAVE LONG ANYWAY.
THIS DESIGN ISN'T SUITABLE FOR THE NEXT EVENT, AFTER ALL.
?
YOU MADE THESE YOURSELF...?
FU FU! ♡
THEY FIT JUST RIGHT, DIDN'T THEY?
THEY'RE COMPLETELY HOMEMADE, JUST FOR YOU DEARS. ♡

IT SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED ANY MINUTE NOW.
THE NEXT EVENT...?
PINPON (PING-PONG)
ピンポン
SEE? HERE IT IS.
Both teams did a fabulous job with the surprise cheer-off, didn't they?
Next up is the afternoon program's only competition and main event.
WAAAAH!!
All members of the Red Team and the White Team will be participating in...
...the "Sports Bingo☆ Special Race"!!

SPECIAL RACE...
ZAWA (MULTIPLE)
SPORTS BINGO?
SP—
ZAWA
The rules won't be repeated, so pay close attention.
First, students will form pairs of the same gender and same program.
Once you have a partner, please hold hands as you move until the bingo game is over.
!!
We will now be distributing bingo cards. They will specify various competitions ...
...found somewhere within the academy grounds.
Refer to your cards as you complete competitions.
YOU MAY LET GO OF YOUR PARTNER'S HAND DURING THE COMPETITIONS!


At each station, an official will mark your bingo card.
When you get a complete row on your bingo cards, run to the finish line on the field...
...and you'll have finished the race.
GREAT, ANOTHER WEIRD RACE...
HERE YOU ARE.
To repeat...
...everyone must participate in this race.
YEAAAH!
Good luck to all of you!!
The race will continue until all players on both Team Red and Team White cross the finish line.


WE HAVE TO HURRY ...!!
FIVE MIN-UTES !?
BINGO
WAI (CLAMOR)
WAI
The race will begin in five minutes.
Both teams' players, get ready—
.....
U FU FU ...
WE NEED TO CHANGE, AND FAST!
HAGYUU-SAN, EKODA-SAN, YOU TOO!
HANAKO! BOTAN!!
ZA (SHFF)
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!!
OHH, WAIT FOR ME!

SO IT BEGINS.
NIKO (GRIN)
WHEN YOU'RE READY ...
...YOU GO ON TOO.
ZAKU! (CRUNCH)

.....
.....
...YES, MA'AM.
.....
UM...
...BUT...
.....AH.
1
2
3
4
5
?
IF WE CAN CHOOSE OUR PARTNER, DO YOU WANT TO PAIR UP AMONG OURSELVES?
THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID TO FORM SAME-GENDER PAIRS, RIGHT?
LET'S.
BATA (HUSTLE)
HIBIKI HAS A BUNCH OF COMMENTS ABOUT THIS RACE!!
GRR! WHY IS IT ALWAYS THIS HECTIC!!?
BATA
THERE WE GO

AnneHappy
unhappy
go lucky!

I CAN DO HURDLES, SO THE FASTEST WAY TO A BINGO WOULD BE...
ZAWA
WAI
I NEED TO FIND A GIRL WHO CAN DO THE HIGH JUMP!
WAI (CLAMOR)
ANY SHORT-DISTANCE RUNNERS!?
SHORT-DIS-TANCE RUN-NERS!
ZAWA (BUZZ)
PI (PEEL)
.....
CHIRA (GLANCE)
UMM...

ERM...
...BUT WITH FIVE OF US...
IT'S SAME-GENDER PAIRS...
SU
SU
WAAH...!
SU
SU
SU
SUSU (GLIDE)
WAAH...
YURA (SWAY)
WH-WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BOTAN!?
OH, NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...!
I'D BE BAGGAGE. NO, WORSE, I'M THE SLAB OF STONE PUT ON SOMEONE'S LAP FOR ISHIDAKI TORTURE!!
PLEASE, DON'T MIND ME. PAIR UP AMONG THE FOUR OF YOU...!
YOU KNOW SOME ARCANE TRIVIA, KUME-GAWA-SAN.

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KARA (CLACK)
POFU (PAFF)
ぽふ。
Y—
YOU'RE...
AH!
TSU-
BAKI-
CHA-
AAN!
.....
NGH...
...AH...
E-ERM...!
I...

おど
ODO (COWER)
IF—
IF YOU'RE... OKAY WITH... M...NH.
I—
IF YOU WOULDN'T.... MIND ME...
UM.....
AH...
HIKU (HIC)
NN...!
.....
.....
...!
BURU (SHIVER)
I... I'M...
... SORR ...!
SA (WHIRL)
WAIT!
はレ
PASHI (GRAB)

!?
GUKI (SNAP)
HAU!
PLEASE DON'T GO, SAYAMA-SAN.
ACTUALLY... I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR A PARTNER.
WON'T YOU PLEASE WORK WITH ME?
IF YOU'D HAVE ME...
NIKO (SMILE)
K—
KUME-GAWA-SAN ...!
BOTAN...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH♡
...O...
...O... KAY...
.....
...!
KYU (SQUEEZE)
HOW SHOULD WE DO THIS?
!!
O-OBVIOUSLY, HIBIKI WILL PAIR UP WITH...
AH!
LOOKS LIKE ONE PAIR'S DECIDED.
.....
.....
I'LL BE A BURDEN...
HUH?
.....
.....
WANNA DECIDE WITH ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS?

...SCISSORS!
ROCK ...
...PAPER...
YUP. LET'S DO IT.
PON (SMACK)
WAAAH!
IT'S YOU AN' ME, REN-CHAN!
TEAM REN & HANAKO
WE'RE TIED TOGETHER BY AN ADAMANTINE BOND ..WE'RE A DESTINED DUO...
THE ONE TRUE PAIR IS HIBIKI AND REN..
GAKU (DROP)
AND YET ...!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DOING THAT POSE.
HUH?
ZUUN (GLOOM)
.....
.....
TEAM HIBARI & HIBIKI

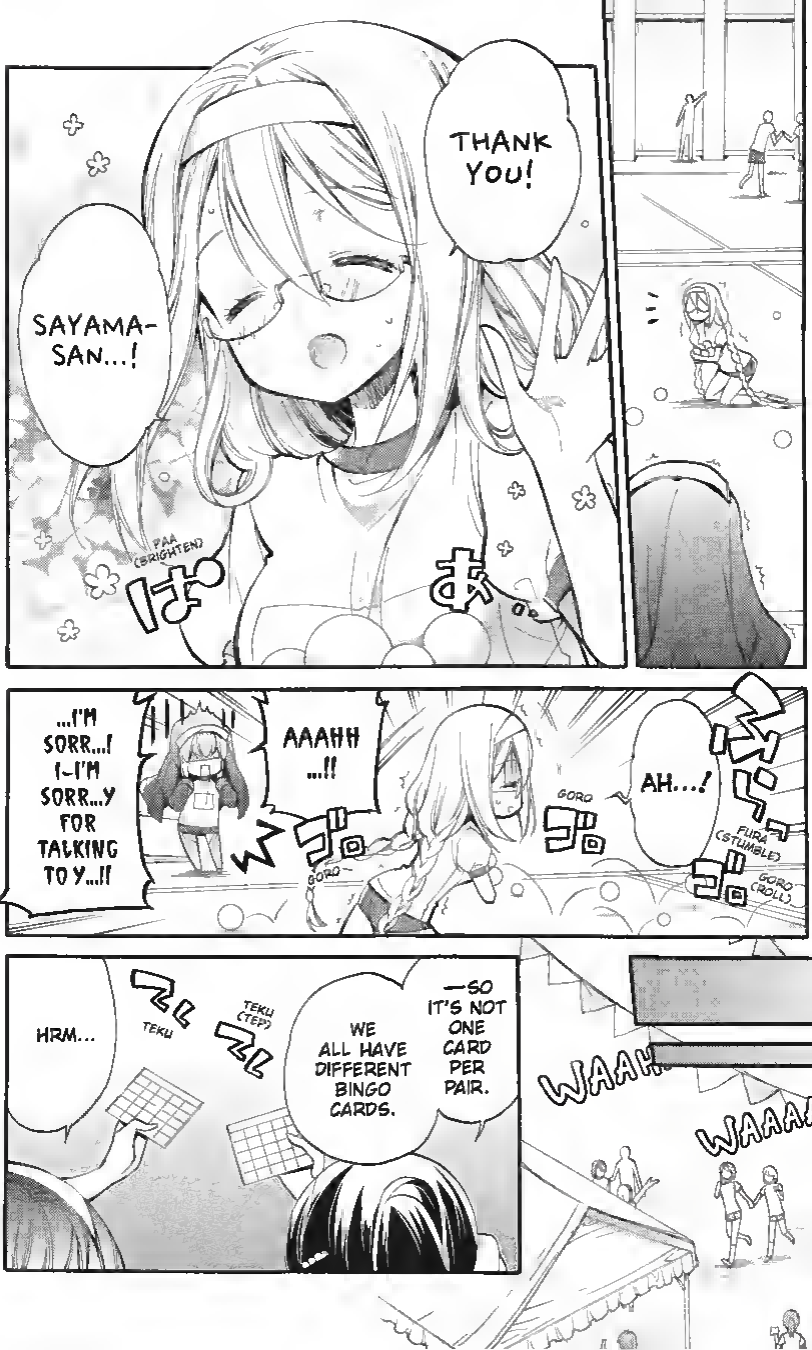
WHY!?
WHY, REEEEN!?
GUWA (BURST)
I WANTED TO HOLD YOUR HAND!!
HAGYUU-SAN...
THEY ALREADY LEFT.
WHAT —!?
LOOK, IT'S ONLY FOR THIS COMPETI-TION...
...AND I JUST HEARD THE STARTING SIGNAL, SO...
COME ON.
LET'S GET GOING.
YOU ABSO-LUTELY HAVE TO WIN, RIGHT?
I KNOW YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO PAIR UP WITH ME...
...BUT BEAR WITH IT.

NN... H...
HIBIKI WOULDN'T SAY SHE DOESN'T WANT TO...
EH?
GA (CLASP)
NOTH-ING!
...LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STUCK TOGE-THER...
...RURI HIBA-RIGA-OKA!
I'LL FORM A TEMPORARY ALLIANCE WITH YOU, AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT!
DON'T HOLD ME BACK LIKE YOU DID IN THE THREE-LEGGED RACE!!
THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU TOOK US OFF THE RACE COURSE...
HEY, REN-CHAN!
WHERE SHOULD WE START~?
HMM ...
TEKU
TEKU (TROT)
WA!
WA! (CLAMOR)

WHAT'S IT SAY?
LIM, LIM...
...MAYBE WE SHOULD FINISH THE COMPETITION IN THE CARD'S CENTER FIRST.
GOOD IDEA!
WAAH! WAAH!
BUT TO GET A BINGO QUICKLY...
ANY-WHERE IS FINE WITH ME.
HONOBONO (LAX)
ほの ぼの
HA (GASP)
IT'S THE BUN-EATING RACE...!!!
DID SHE WANT TO DO THAT...?
PAAAAA (SHINE)
あ あ あ
BUN-EATING... RACE...
.....
.....
...B...
GO (RUMBLE)
GO
GO
ブル
BURU
ブル
BURU (QUIVER)
GO
GO
?

WAI
WAI (CLAMOR)
OKAY. LET'S FIND...
...THE BUN-EATING RACE.
WOO-HOOO !!
WHAT KIND OF BUN WILL IT BE!? A RED BEAN BUN? A GREEN BEAN BUN?
HFF!
HFF!
HFF...
YORO (STAGGER)
HFF!
HFF...
...BALLS... LEFT...?
H-HOW MANY...
ARE... YOU OKAY? KUME-GAWA... SAN...
A...
DOSA (DROP)
HFF!
...A-ABOUT TEN... MORE.
GAKURI (SLUMP)
YORO
YORO
PIPI (TWEET)
Y...YES, SIR!
THE GAME ONLY ENDS ONCE YOU PUT THEM ALL IN THE BOX.

ZAWA
ざわ
ざわ
ZAWA (WHISPER)
HUH?
OMIGOSH! IT'S A BLONDE GIRL~!
WAI (CLANG)
WHAT? WHERE?
BIKU (JOLT)
WAI
ZAWA
OH YEAH. I GUESS SHE'S BEEN IN SCHOOL LATELY.
A BLONDE-HAIRED, BLUE-EYED GIRL.
AN INTER-NATIONAL STUDENT?
ZAWA
SA (COVER)
IS SHE A FOREIGN-ER?
I DUNNO!
ZEEE (WHEEZE)
H...
...HANG ...
...IN... THERE!
ZEEE
...YOU ...CAN DO IT...!
KU... ME-GAWA-SAN ...!!


THANK YOU!
SAYAMA-SAN...!
PAA (BRIGHTEN)
ぱあ
...I'M SORR...! I-I'M SORR...Y FOR TALKING TO Y...!!
AAAHH ...!!
GORO
ゴロ
AH...!
FUPA (STUMBLE)
GORO (ROLL)
HRM...
TEKU
TEKU (TEP?
—SO IT'S NOT ONE CARD PER PAIR.
WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT BINGO CARDS.
WAAH
WAAAAAH

SO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HEAD FOR THE FINISH LINE ONCE WE BOTH HAVE A BINGO.
TEKU
TEKU
WE SHOULD LOOK FOR COMPETITIONS THAT WE COULD BOTH USE, FOR EFFICIENCY'S SAKE.
THEN SHOULD WE PRIORITIZE ONE OF OUR CARDS?
HMM HMM!
HIBIKI'S SURELY COMES FIRST!
THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH OVERLAP... U
YOU SAID IT... U
...AH.
WHAT IS IT, HIBARIGAOKA?
?
WAAH!
WAAAAAH!
OVER THERE...
AREN'T THEY CARRYING SOMETHING?
WAAAH
OVER THERE? ...YEAH, THERE'S SOMETHING IN THEIR HANDS...
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE BATONS.

WH...
HEY!!?
COME ON!!
IT'S RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF MY BINGO CARD.
THAT'S... THE EGG AND SPOON RACE!
DA (DASH)
WAI (CLAMOR)
PIPI (TWEET)
WAI
TAKE AN EGG AND A SPOON~!
WHY, YOU...
...Y-YOU JUST AGREED WE'D PRIORITIZE MY CARD.../
IT'S PRETTY EMPTY, SO I FIGURED I COULD DO IT QUICKLY ...
SORRY!
HFFI
HFFI
TAKING OFF LIKE THAT IS—!!
I KNEW THIS WAS NO GOOD !!

.....
WAHAH!
WELL, IF WE'D GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, I COULD HAVE FOUND ONE FOR MY CARD!
BUT I HEARD THE SCAVENGER HUNT IS ON THE FIELD!
HOW IS THAT MY FAULT!? I DON'T KNOW WHERE ANYTHING IS!
BUT...
WAHAH!
TO WIN!
TO WIN...
WAHAH!
WAHAH!
GOT IT!
ZA (TAP)
YOU GO BALANCE THAT EGG, HIBARI-GAOKA!!
WE CAN'T WASTE TIME FIGHT-ING!

WAAH
WAAH
GAGA (PANT)
Ahem...
...and our first pair has already crossed the finish line!!
!?
ZAWA (GASP)
We're only thirty minutes into the Sports Bingo☆ Special Race...
Attention, all Tenno-mifune Academy students ...
...but for first place, this is on par with previous years.
Not a bad time...
Remaining players, keep it up!
GAGA
ARE THEY FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM'S ELITE CLASS 4?
ZAWA (MURMUR)
SERIOUSLY?
ALREADY?
THAT'S TOO FAST...!
ZAWA

RED
480
30
カタン
KATAN (CLACK)
スッ
SU (SLIDE)
WE DID IT! ♪
THE FIRST TEN PAIRS WIN THIRTY POINTS...
...AND PAIRS ELEVEN THROUGH THIRTY WIN TEN POINTS.
THE REMAINING PAIRS ARE AWARDED TWO POINTS EACH AS THEY MAKE IT TO THE FINISH LINE...
SPORTS BINGO☆SPECIAL RACE

NOW...
...THE RACE HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.
HYUUUUU (WHOOO)
BO (WHOOSH)
BYU (FWOOO)
AH!
MY CARD'S FLYING AWAY~!
PASHI (CATCH)

EH HEH HEH~!
HWUH...? THAT FLAG...
DOYA (PROUD)
どや
1
HERE!
THIS IS YOURS, RIGHT?
WAI (CLAMOR)
1
WAI
YOU'RE THE SENPAIS FROM THIS MORNING ...
THANKS A MILLION!
THAT ANNOUNCE-MENT WAS ABOUT YOU TWO, WASN'T IT!?
CONGRAT-ULATIONS.
OH, GEEZ.
WE GOT LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND THE RIGHT COM-PETITIONS QUICKLY, THAT'S ALL.
TEH HEH HEH.
THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN THIS RACE.
HUH?
YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A SINGLE ONE...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BUN-EATING RACE IS?
NO... WE CAN'T FIND IT.
THIS ONE SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE OUTSIDE, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY NOT.

UMMM...
WHAT'S UP, HANAKOIZUMI-SAN?
...WOULDN'T WE NOT GET TO HAVE THE FUN OF LOOKING FOR IT?
IF WE HEAR WHERE IT IS...
PURU
.....
PURU (QUIVER)
AH!
WE CAN TELL YOU WHERE IT IS, SINCE THERE'S NO RULE THAT SAYS WE CAN'T...
HA (GASP) はっ
WAIT!
KUSU (GIGGLE) クスッ
IT WAS IN A LOCATION THAT'S VERY DEEPLY CONNECTED TO THE RACE ITSELF!
THEN WE'LL ONLY GIVE YOU A HINT.
RIGHT !?
DOON (BOOM) ドン
POINT TAKEN.

!!
GOOD LUCK!
THANK YOOUUU!
A PLACE RELATED TO THE BUN-EATING RACE...
BUNS...
...
WE CAN EXCHANGE INFORMATION?
THAT'S FINE.
NOT FROM TEACHERS, BUT STUDENTS ARE FREE TO SHARE INFORMATION.
THEN WE SHOULD TELL OTHER TEAM WHITE PAIRS WHAT WE KNOW AS WE GO.
ABOUT BOTH LOCATIONS ...
...AND PEOPLE ...
HUH?

A PERSON STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY A BEAR
PEOPLE-BOR-ROW-ING RACE
SU (SWIP)
KODAIRA-SENSEEEIII!!!
WHERE IS SHE!?
I SWEAR I JUST SAW HER. LET'S GO BACK!
...AH.
OH, RIGHT. THERE WERE COMPETI-TIONS THAT INVOLVE TEACHERS TOO.
AHHHH...
OFFICE
AFTER MY BREAK...
...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MYSELF TO A PLACE WHERE THEY MIGHT FIND ME, BUT WON'T FIND ME, BUT MIGHT FIND ME...
HAMU (CHOMP)
IT'S NOT EASY BEING A TEACHER!

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unhappy
go lucky!

Page 76
Mochi is a soft, sticky rice cake. It can be different shapes, but a common one is a round shape that's flat on the bottom. It's not a stretch to imagine a bunny in that shape.

Page 122
On the chapter opener illustration for Lucky 27, the girls are wearing *ouendan* ("cheer squad") uniforms, an activity similar to cheerleading but typically associated with male performers.

Page 152
Ishidaki is an old torture technique in which very heavy stone weights are placed on a kneeling subject's lap.

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